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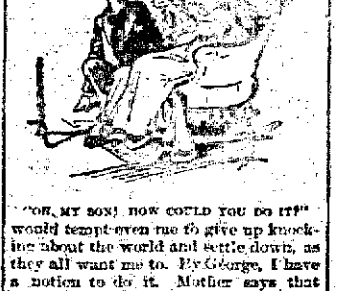
A TALE OF TWO CHRISTMASES.

"Well, this has been what I call a Christmas," said Ben Habberton, with a great sigh of content as he threw himself into an easy chair in the great guest chamber that was his for the time and stretched his feet out toward the cheery log fire.

"Now, I imagine," he went on, talking to himself in a light hearted way, "that a few days of this kind of life would tempt even me to give up knocking about the world and settle down, as they all want me to. By George, I have a notion to do it. Mother says that granddad wants somebody to look after the estate, and if he could only trust me he would be glad to have me do it.



"OH, MY SON! HOW COULD YOU DO IT?"

"Confound it all, that's what sticks in my crop. Nobody ever trusted me so far as I know, and I never would explain anything, no matter how suspicious the circumstances might be. So I always got blamed for everything. Hanged if I don't think that even mother used to think I took all the cream that any of the cats stole.

"Foolish, of course, to run away and go to sea, but what could a fellow do when he is always getting into scrapes and is too proud to deny anything even when he isn't guilty? Well, I've seen half a dozen years of life and had a good fling out of it, but I don't remember that I ever did anything to be ashamed of. Hello! Who's there? Come in, the door isn't locked. Why, mother, is it you? Crying? What on earth is the matter?"

Springing to his feet, he took the poor little lady in his arms and placed her carefully in the big chair. Then pulling a stool forward he sat on it at her feet, and laying his head in her lap said: "There, mother. Do you remember, this is the way I used to sit when I was a little fellow? Now tell me all about it. What has happened?"

But she only sobbed the harder for a time, and at length when she could command her voice she cried out passionately, "Oh, my son, my son, how could you do it?"

The curly head was lifted instantly, and the handsome, boyish face grew sullen and hard. Recklessness and pride were Habberton family traits, and Ben, though a younger son, was a true Habberton.

So he said nothing, knowing that he would hear more presently, and he did, for soon his mother talked on weakly and, if she had only known it, foolishly: "You know your grandfather always suspected you of being wild, and after you went to sea he always said you'd come to some bad end, and I had hard work to get him to ask you here for Christmas, but after you came he liked you ever so much. He would not have asked you to sit with him this afternoon if he hadn't, and even when he dropped asleep and you left the room he wasn't angry. He said of course you wanted to be with the young folks. But how could you take that money? You ought to have asked me if you needed any. I know you said you had come back as poor as you went away, but I did not think you needed it right away. I can return it to your grandfather, of course, but he is so angry that he says he will have you arrested in the morning, and I do believe, Ben, that he would have made you his heir. How could you do it, Ben?"

Ben had grown very white, and his fists were clinched tightly when his mother paused, but he said quietly:

"So you and granddad have discovered that I am a thief, have you? How did you find it out?"

"Why, he had $500 in bills in his writing desk. It seems he saw it there just before you went to his room, and there was no one else there up to the time he missed it."

"So he says I stole it, does he?"

"Don't use such words, Ben. Of course you didn't mean it for stealing, but I am afraid he will have you arrested—and think of the disgrace! Why didn't you ask me for money, Ben?"

It was something like an imprecation that the young sailor muttered under his breath as he rose to his feet and walked up and down the room for a few moments. But no word more of any kind could his mother get from him until she had exhausted herself with weeping and pleading. Then he led her to her room, and, kissing her tenderly, bade her good night.

"HE IS GONE."

Going back to his own room, he resumed his reverie. "Well," he thought, "I had a merry Christmas, for it's after 12 o'clock. And now for the old life. Cowardly, folks would call it, I suppose, to run away with a charge like that over my head, but I don't think it is. If I stay, the old man will surely make a row in the morning and there will be a great scandal. If I go, he will be too proud to make the scandal for nothing. He will call $500 a cheap price to get rid of good for nothing me, and that will be the end of it. Poor mother thinks I'm guilty, too, but they won't tell anybody else for shame's sake, and if they can't trust me let them think what they will.

"Five hundred dollars," he muttered, with a [illegible] of laugh, under his breath. [illegible] I had a [illegible]

Ben [illegible] not care [illegible] for Alice. Perhaps that's best too. I don't know whether she would care. Probably I never will know now, so here goes."

And opening his window carefully and noiselessly he swung himself out on a huge vine that clung to the side of the house, and, lowering himself hand over hand, he was soon on the ground. It was only five miles to town, and he was there long before daybreak.

Now Alice was a certain wide eyed, clear witted, young second cousin of this headstrong youth. They had never met till three days before, but great things are done in three days when Cupid lurks around old fashioned country houses where the mistletoe is used among the decorations, and Ben was very much mistaken in thinking she wouldn't care. She would and she did.

Being quick witted, Alice was also impulsive, and sometimes it was well that she was so. On the morning after Christmas she passed old Mr. Habberton's door very early on her way down stairs and was greatly surprised to hear angry words inside. As the door was open she entered.

"I tell you he stole the money, and I shall send for the police," stormed the old man, and Ben's mother, who had been pleading for mercy, gave up the struggle. "I would have sent last night if it hadn't been Christmas."

"Why, who has been stealing, Uncle Ralph?" asked Alice.

Even in his anger the old man paused. It seemed a cruel thing to accuse one of his own kin, but the case was too clear. "That young rascal, Ben!" he exclaimed and told the story of the money.

"IT'LL BE A MERRY CHRISTMAS, AFTER ALL!" HE EXCLAIMED.

Then Alice had occasion, if never before, to be thankful for her quickness. "I don't think Ben looks like a thief," she said, "but, uncle, you say you saw the money in your desk just before he came in."

"I certainly did," said Mr. Habberton.

"But are you sure you left it there?" asked the girl.

The old man looked at her in surprise. Then one emotion chased another across his rugged features until presently he sank back in his chair with an expression of great disgust at himself.

"I'm surely getting old," he exclaimed. "I put it in the safe and forgot that I had done so. Don't let anybody tell Ben that I suspected him."

"But I told him last night," said his mother.

"Then go quickly and tell him to come here till I apologize. You have all of you been too ready to accuse that boy all his life."

This seemed rather hard to Alice, who had certainly never accused Ben of anything, but that wise young woman held her tongue while Mrs. Habberton hurried out of the room.

In a few moments she returned, exclaiming, "He is gone!"

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Lighthouse 84 was situated about half a mile from the mainland on the point of a reef that lay irregularly parallel to the shore, leaving plenty of clear water between. The coast was rocky, and the light was maintained as a warning, for a vessel that should approach too near was liable to be dashed to pieces on hidden rocks anywhere within a mile or two.

The lighthouse keeper had a helper, so that usually there were two men on guard at 84, but leave of absence for one of them was obtainable at times, and it happened a year after Ben Habberton had left his grandfather's house that the keeper had gone to spend a few days with his family at Christmas time, and Ben, who was the helper, was alone on the reef.

Long after midnight Christmas morning that impetuous youth sat up in the lighthouse tower, gazing out at the furious storm that raged and meditating by no means pleasantly on the events of the year.

"I shall go melancholy mad if I stay here long," he thought. "It is no life for a young man, and I wish another hadn't asked me not to go to sea again. I was a fool to make her even that half promise not to. Well, she knows where I am by this time, and if she doesn't write and let me off from what I said I must leave here and look for something on shore. This is neither land nor sea.

"I wonder what granddad thinks and how he came to make such a mistake. Confound him! He ought to know that a Habberton couldn't be a thief. It was just like him, though, to jump at the conclusion that I had done something wrong. Every one in the family is hasty—except me. Hello! What's that?"

He had seen a faint gleam out at sea, and watching as only a sailor can watch he soon saw another.

"It is certainly a rocket," he exclaimed, talking to himself as his habit was when he was excited. "Some vessel is in distress. God help her and all aboard if they can't keep her offshore, and if she is disabled in any way that'll be hard work against this gale. If she's one of these coasting steamers and her machinery's broken down it's all day with her, for there's no anchorage outside the reef, and there's not a chance in 5,000 of her driving in behind without striking."

It was a coaster, and she was certainly beyond the control of those on board, for as he looked rocket after rocket went up in vain appeal, as it seemed. There was no life saving station within 15 miles, and Ben's eye was the only one that saw.

Nearer and nearer she came, driven by the awful power of the worst storm Ben had ever seen. Fascinated by the sight, he sat as if frozen, waiting for the tragedy that seemed inevitable. He thought of the little boat below, but it was a hopeless thought. Twenty men could not have launched her from the rocks in the breakers that were dashing up, and no one man could have rowed her a rod if she had been afloat. All he could do was to sit and watch. He could see the ship now from time to time as she rose and fell on the waves, but every time she sank from sight he thought must surely be the last. He knew the cruel rocks that lay below the surface.

No earthly pilot could have guided her among those rocks to the lee of the reef on which the lighthouse stood, but it was not written that she should be wrecked that Christmas day. Lying helpless in the trough of the sea, she drifted past rock after rock till Ben saw with amazement that she was floating in behind the reef, and still he watched with straining eyes.

Suddenly he sprang to his feet with a shout like a crazy man, and, rushing down the stairway four steps at a time, he seized an ax and a big pannikin in the room below and ran out into the storm. A thought had come to him of one chance in a million, and he was after that chance.

A single blow smashed in the head of a hogshead, and in another instant he was scooping out the oil it held with the pannikin and scattering it like mad as far as he could in every direction. The wind carried it all toward the vessel, and the great wonder of the sea was wrought almost in a minute, for as the oil fell the waves abated, so that the ship was immediately in smooth water. Overboard went her anchors as quickly as the captain could give the order, and she was safe.

For the rest of the night Ben watched, throwing a little more oil from time to time, and in the morning, the storm having abated, he rowed out in his small boat to the ship's side.

As he stepped on her deck the captain greeted him with such thanks and praise as could only be given by one who had just been saved from destruction. Then as the passengers crowded up to have their say Ben saw, to his amazement, his grandfather, his mother and Alice.

"We came after you, my boy," said the old man, "as soon as your letter to your mother came. You must come home again, this time to stay."

Ben looked at his mother and then at Alice. In both their faces he saw what he looked for, and then he answered:

"It'll be a merry Christmas after all, granddad," he exclaimed with a happy laugh. And it was.

DAVID A. CURTIS.

AN IMPOSING RITUAL

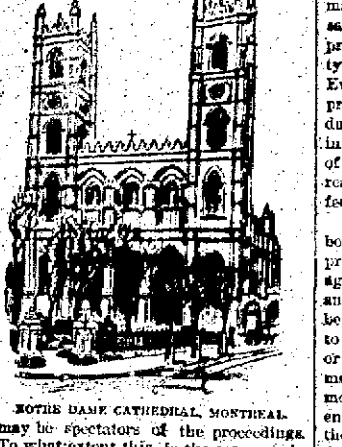
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AMONG THE FRENCH CANADIANS.

Where the Day Is More of a Holy Day Than a Holiday and Where Gifts to the Little Folk Are Not Credited to Santa Claus.

Jean Baptiste Leblanc of lower Canada has this advantage over his cousins in the rest of the Dominion, that his Christmas celebrations are not confined to one day, but are divided between that great holiday and New Year's. Then again he has the further advantage of an early start, for while the English folk are still sleeping snugly in their warm beds he is out attending mass at church or cathedral. Indeed it may be said with truth that Christmas among the French Canadians is more of a holy day than a holiday, as it constitutes one of the four great church festivals of the year.

The celebration of the day begins at midnight on Christmas eve, when, summoned by the chimes of the bells, all good Catholics who can manage it crowd to the sacred edifices, which are appropriately adorned for the occasion, and there take part in an elaborate service lasting nearly two hours. The splendor of this service, of course, varies according to the equipment and facilities of the establishment, being comparatively simple in the remote country churches, while in the large edifices it becomes a superb religious function.

The midnight mass in Notre Dame church or St. James' cathedral, Montreal, celebrated as it is before congregations of many thousand people, is perhaps the most imposing and awe inspiring religious ritual to be witnessed upon this continent. The musical features of these services always receive careful attention, with the result that the whole proceeding is made so interesting as to attract large numbers of Protestants who are willing to forego the comforts of sleep in order that they may be spectators of the proceedings. To what extent this is the case may be judged from the fact that for the midnight mass in the Jesuits' church of Montreal, where the music is always of an exceptionally high order. Those not having the right to a seat in the church may obtain one by payment of a fee, and these seats may be reserved in advance, just as they may be for the theater or the opera.



NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL, MONTREAL.

Nor is this the only important religious function of the day. In many places there is also an evening service, where again the proceedings are very elaborate and ornate and the music very beautiful. Since the advent of electricity and its wonderful adaptation to purposes of ornament there has been added to this vesper service in Notre Dame church a novel and striking feature in the sudden illumination of the great altar. Just when darkness has enshrouded the vast edifice by means of innumerable electric bulbs cunningly concealed in the intricate and florid carvings the whole altar front is instantaneously illuminated, producing an effect which cannot be adequately described in words.

In the rural districts the midnight service, if not so sumptuous in its appointments, is indubitably more picturesque, for there, as the hour approaches, one sees the great stone church that dominates the parish like a vast lantern, and stretching from it on either hand the homes of the habitants, each one doing its little best in loyal illumination. Hardly have the big bells in the [illegible] their clear call [illegible] the little [illegible] another [illegible] the road and speed swiftly toward the church.

The houses are awake and ablaze all night, for when the long service at last comes to an end the congregation does not go quietly home, but breaks up into little groups, usually consisting of family circles, that with chattering and laughter hasten indoor to enjoy the bountiful supper which is the reward of their piety and at which by immemorial custom doughnuts and potted head form the pieces de resistance. These family gatherings are perhaps the cheeriest of all the year. The strangeness of the hour, the sense of satisfaction at having done their duty as good Catholics, the inspiration, no doubt, gathered from the service they have just attended and the fact that the day already broken into is to be given up to pleasuring to the full extent of their ability, all these influences not only combine to put everybody into the best of humor, but to produce an exaltation of spirits that drives all care and worry into temporary oblivion.

For those who are very piously disposed this midnight mass by no means completes the religious programme of the day, for if they so choose they may again attend high mass at 10 o'clock, vespers at 2 o'clock and benediction at 7 o'clock, thus practically spending the day in the church.

Not many, however, are so devout as all this, and the majority of the men go in for a good time, according to their taste, whether it be to gather at the tavern and play cards and checkers, or to regale one another with well worn stories garnished with tobacco and eau de vie, or to engage in horseracing, shooting matches and similar sports.

As I have already stated, Jean Baptiste divides his Christmas. By this I mean that two important features of the festival as celebrated by English people on the 25th day of December are reserved by the French for the 1st day of January—namely, the giving of presents and indulgence in especially good fare.

With regard to the giving of presents, in which the French take just as much delight as the English, it is interesting to note that these *etrennes*, as they are called, are by the little folk credited not to Santa Claus, but to le petit Jesu and are perhaps all the more enjoyed on that account.

As to the culinary characteristics of the day, my readers may perhaps be interested in a list of dishes, some or all of which may be found upon every French Canadian dinner table on this occasion. They are: Pain doré (toast with egg), pate aux patates (potato pie), poulet sauce blanche (chicken with white sauce), tourtieres (meat pie), graisse de roti (fresh pork grease), cochon au lait (sucking pig), paleron (roast of fresh pork—shoulder) and tarte aux snelles (pie made of haws).

J. MACDONALD OXLEY.

The Boar's Head.

Aside from its religious observance and signification Christmas has always been a time of feasting and jollification. This temperament has descended to us from the days of the old Germanic and Scandinavian nations, when the time was set aside for rejoicing and pleasure prior to the Christian era, but even as late as the seventeenth century in England and throughout continental Europe the delights of the table were paramount. With our forefathers a soused boar's head was borne to the principal table in the hall with great state and solemnity as the first dish on Christmas day. In the book of "Christmasse Carolles," printed by Wynkyn de Worde in 1521, are the words sung at this auspicious moment:

The bore's head in hande bring I
With garlandes gay and rosemary.
I pray you all synge merrely—
Qui estis in convivio.

The bore's head I understande
Is the chefe servyce in this lande,
Loke wherever it be fande.
Servite cum cantico.

Chaucer alludes to this custom in the following passage of the "Franklein's Tale:"

Janus sitteth by the fire with double berd,
And he drinketh of his bugle horne the wine;
Before him standeth the brawne of the tusked swine.

The Same Old Christmas.

A description two centuries ago of the festivities of Christmas shows little variation from present customs:

"Families take it by turns to entertain their friends. They meet early, the beef and pudding are noble, the mince pies peculiar, the tarts half playthings and half eatables, the oranges as cold and acid as they ought to be, furnishing us with a superfluity which we can afford to laugh at, the cakes indestructible, the wassail bowls generous, old English, huge, demanding ladles, threatening overflow as they come in, solid with roasted apples when set down. Toward bedtime you hear of elder wine and not seldom of punch. Girls, though they be ladies, are kissed under the mistletoe."

Christmas Greens.

In olden times holly was used only to deck the inside of houses at Christmas, while ivy was used not only as a vintner's sign, but also among the evergreens at funerals. For formerly "the rooms were embowered with holly, ivy, cypress, bays, laurel and mistletoe."

There are thousands of quaint old verses that could be quoted in praise of the rosemary, laurel and mistletoe. A love of nature, her fruits and flowers, her roses and vines with their mystic significance seems to have been a predominant trait among those who gathered at the Yuletide.

A CHRISTMAS SERMON

LESSONS TAUGHT BY THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

The Duty of Charity and the Nobility of Self Sacrifice—How Art Has Paid Its Tribute to the Nativity.

It was the distinctive glory of Christ's evangel not that it introduced a new code of morals or of social ethics, but rather that it emphasized the force and broadened the scope of those existing and gave them higher sanctions and infinitely greater importance from being exemplified in the perfect life of Christ himself. There were people who had been just, true and God fearing before Moses brought down the tables of the law from Mount Sinai, and men acted the role of the good Samaritan, animated by the purest benevolence, thousands of years before Christ taught by precept and example the duty of charity and the nobility of self sacrifice. Even the sermon on the mount only presented in concrete form rules of conduct which regulated the lives of many in all ages, not with the force of law, of which there might be none, but as a result of self originated conviction and feeling.

Love in Christ's code of ethics was both the soul and body, the actuating principle, as well as the performing agent. It was no longer to be kind and pure because it is a duty so to be, but be all that because you love to be so. No more formal [illegible] or compliance will meet the requirements of this new presentation of the moral law. It demands no [illegible] obedience, but as the outcome of love, not as the result of authority or the [illegible] of duty.

Has the Christian church, applying to this term its [illegible] comprehensive meaning, ever come within measurable distance of realizing the exalted Christ ideal? Yes, possibly, in the apostolic age and for a short time subsequent, but it would be absurd to claim that the Christian churches of today, great as is their influence for good, are animated by the spirit of the early Christians or inspired by that divine enthusiasm which made each one of them a center of light and largely transformed society throughout the known world within a century after the birth of Christ.

We are now like Moses on Mount Nebo—we see the promised land, but it is still in the dim distance, and we are apparently getting no nearer to its haven of rest—but how soon would the prospect change were the gospel of love and humanity, preached and lived by Christ, to become a distinctive feature of our civilization instead of the materialistic and selfish motives which largely sway modern life and determine conduct!

The Saviour was born under the humblest possible circumstances, as if to show how low in the estimation of God are all the pomp and magnificence of that wealth and power which men prize so highly. His Virgin mother was poor, his foster father was a mechanic, and he himself dignified labor by earning his bread by the sweat of his brow.

Christ was emphatically the Saviour of the poor, and those who bear his name best show the sincerity of their professions by imitating him in his loving kindness and benevolence. Charity is a duty incumbent upon Christians at all times, but even the most humane will feel prompted to be kinder and more sympathetic while celebrating the advent of one who displayed during his whole lifetime upon earth a divine compassion and pity for the poor and the suffering.

Not the least of the lessons taught us by the birth of Christ is not to despise the humblest or be hopeless of the most depraved of that species so honored by Deity that he came and took its form and assumed its nature with all its imperfections. However low in the scale of being persons may be, there is a spark of the divine in them still, a trace of that promethean fire breathed into man by the source of all life and all consciousness which constituted him a living soul.

The story of the advent and of its climax—that amazing act of self sacrifice—has been the solace of the weary and heavy laden in all the intervening centuries. The [illegible] his birth, [illegible] of deliverance for man, has sounded throughout the centuries, like an undertone of hope, above the discords of life and the mutterings of despair.

Philip James Bailey in "Festus" writes:

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

The stupendous mystery of the advent and the perfect life that followed it made it possible for mankind to attain the high state of perfection so beautifully illustrated by the poet. Precepts were not wanting before, but henceforth there was a perfect life as a model for all ages.

Doubtless all events, however impossible it may be to perceive their trend, contribute to

That faroff divine event
Toward which the whole creation moves.

The poets have sung of that day, philosophers have written of it from the earliest times and optimists think they see its near approach, but it must be confessed that the signs of its coming are not promising. Education and culture, art and science, while they may prepare the way for it, are at best only subsidiary. That day will never dawn until human society is permeated by that spirit of love and [illegible] which characterized the life of Christ.

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, DEC. 24, 1897.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COUNTY.

[illegible] Please announce me as a candidate for [illegible] of McKean County, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

C. A. DUKE.

Duke Centre, Pa., Dec. [illegible], 1897.

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[illegible] Please announce me as a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Keating township, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

F. C. FREEMAN.

[illegible] P. O., Dec. [illegible], 1897.

[illegible] Please announce me as a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Keating township, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

J. H. [illegible]

[illegible], Pa., Dec. 1, 1897.

[illegible] Please announce me as a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Keating township, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

FRANK [illegible]

[illegible], Pa., Dec. [illegible], 1897.

[illegible] Please announce me as a candidate for re-election to the office of Supervisor of Keating township, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

LAWRENCE HERZOG.

[illegible] Valley, Pa., Dec. [illegible], 1897.

[illegible] Please announce me as a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Keating township, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

N. U. HYDE.

East Smethport, Pa., Dec. [illegible], 1897.

It is reported that Phil Armour of Chicago lost a cool million in a recent wheat deal.

In last week's report given by R. G. Dun & Co., it is claimed that failures have been less than in five years previous.

A mine of human bones has been discovered in Mexico. Did Luetgert live there in prehistoric times?—John Smith in Buffalo Express. You are mistaken. It is all owing to Bryan's visit. W. J. will inculcate in his next platform a 16 to 1 bone fertilize.

LAWRENCE HERZOG announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Supervisor of Keating township in this issue. Mr. Herzog has served in that capacity for the past year, and his work on the roads and management of the affairs of the township speak well for him. His chances for re-nomination and re-election are very good.

At the head of this column will be found the the announcement of N. U. Hyde for Supervisor of Keating township subject to Republican rules. Mr. Hyde is a shrewd manager and a good worker, and as the southern end of the township has not had a supervisor for several years, his chances for nomination seem exceedingly bright. His nomination would be equivalent to election.

It is amusing to read the many rumors of wars with foreign powers that "Uncle Sam" is liable to have on his hands in the near future. When the real facts of the case are that no foreign power could maintain an army of any size on our territory for six weeks. Why, bless your soul, every mother's son of them would desert before they had been here a week and go to New York City and get elected to office, now that Croker is on deck again.

ONCE more as the happy Yule tide approaches the MINER takes pleasure in extending to its many readers its heartiest holiday greeting. When the merry bells throughout the land shall ring forth the sound that for nearly nineteen centuries has gladdened the hearts of the people—"Peace on earth, good will toward men"—we, too, desire to feel that we have a part in that promise, and are at peace with all the world on the happy day that brought the Saviour of the world to dwell among mankind. On that day let everyone strive to lighten the burden of some one less fortunate, for, in helping to bear the burdens of others, we derive a blessing such as the riches of the world cannot buy.

THE MINER is pleased to note how generally throughout the State the newspapers are advocating the nomination of Hon. C. W. Stone (our able Congressman) for governor. No higher tribute could be extended to any man than this unsolicited avowal to support an honest and pure man for the highest gift in the hands of the people of Pennsylvania. Mr. Stone comes before the people asking this nomination unbiased by any factional ties, and no man can truthfully say that he is the tool of anyone. After years of service in the lower house of Congress, with credit to himself and the approbation of his constituents he now asks to be governor. Of his fitness there is no question and, if the people of the State are allowed to have a voice in the matter, there will be no question as to his nomination and election.

THE main difficulty in making a success of Farmers' Institutes lies in the fact that the instructors labor too much along the line of scientific instruction [illegible]. For farmers who are not up in scientific terms it is like a young student listening to a discourse on medicine in Latin. They fail to catch the purport of the subject so as to thoroughly understand the question that is being discussed. [illegible] these instructors who are sent out by the State Board of Agriculture would make inquiry as to the advancement of their audience in scientific [illegible], and in their lectures use [illegible] be understood by their [illegible], their work would be much more satisfactory. There are very few farmers who are sufficiently educated to understand the terms of per cent of [illegible] and other scientific [illegible] used by the lecturers. [illegible] when Mr. Terry was [illegible] the farmers a practical [illegible] in language that all [illegible] thoroughly understand [illegible] have followed [illegible]

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1897.

President McKinley will, according to trustworthy though unofficial information, shortly meet the objections that exist, in and out of Congress, against present conditions in the civil service, by issuing an executive order making material modifications in the blanket extensions of the civil service rules made by Mr. Cleveland during his last year in office. While the opposition on the part of Republicans in Congress doubtless was a factor in this matter, it is well known that the President has had it in mind ever since his election. It will be remembered that he said in his annual message, "there are places now in the classified service which ought to be exempt and others not classified, may properly be included. I shall not hesitate to exempt cases which I think have been improperly included in the classified service." Just when this order will be issued or the full extent of the modification has not been fully determined, but it will not be surprising should the order be issued before the reassembling of Congress, on Jan. 5.

Senator Hanna has gone to Ohio to remain until the legislature elects his successor. Just before leaving Washington, he said: "The stories sent from Ohio that a number of the Republican members of the general assembly will desert me if I am not successful on the first ballot seem to me absurd. Every Republican county but four has instructed its legislators for me; the party is pledged to me through the action of the Republican State convention at Toledo, and I am unable to see what can stand in the way of my election."

Notwithstanding the numerous reforms brought about in the practice before the U. S. Patent office, as a result of the long investigation conducted by Acting Commissioner Greeley with such striking ability, there are some abuses connected more or less directly with that office, and persons who know of them, which have not yet been reached. But Mr. Greeley is more than anxious to do so, and is now investigating numerous complaints against patent solicitors who have obtained money from inventors under the pretense of getting foreign patents for them and selling them, knowing that no valid foreign patents could be obtained for them and that there would therefore be nothing to sell.

Uncle Sam rubbed it in on John Bull in the bill dealing with open sea sealing, which has passed both branches of Congress and only needs the President's signature to become a law, and that it will probably get Canada, backed by England, has played the hog right through in this sealing business, by refusing to join the United States in efforts to prevent the speedy destruction of all the seals by agreeing to a cessation of open sea sealing for even a limited time, and the Canadians doubtless chuckled with joy when this bill which prohibits open sea sealing by the citizens of the United States was introduced in the Senate, because of their belief that it would leave them a monopoly of the taking of seals in the open sea. But they will not chuckle, nor will their English supporters, when they learn the purport of a section of the bill that was kept quiet while the measure was pending before Congress. That section absolutely prohibits the bringing of seal skins into the United States from any source. When it is remembered that the United States furnishes the largest and best market in the world for seal skins and that the business of supplying that market has been partially monopolized as to raw skins by Canada, and entirely as to dyed skins by England, the full significance of what Uncle Sam has done to John Bull becomes apparent.

The act for the relief of those Americans who are in the Klondike gold regions, and who, it is believed, will be in pressing need of food before spring, was as promptly signed by President McKinley as it was passed by Congress, and it now only remains to get the relief to the sufferers in order to make it effective. This is in the hands of Secretary Alger, and if success is possible he will achieve it, as his sympathy for the Klondikers is of the active kind—so active that he offered weeks ago to advance the money out of his own pocket to send relief if any practical way of doing so could be pointed out. Secretary Alger will go to Ottawa to secure the co operation of the Canadian authorities in relief operations.

The fact that the Senate did not act upon Attorney General McKenna's nomination to the bench of the Supreme Court before the recess hasn't the significance some persons are trying to give it; in fact, it has no significance. The nomination did not go to the Senate until two days before the recess and there was no time for the judiciary committee, which never acts hurriedly upon nominations of the Supreme Court, to consider it. The nomination will be confirmed, and the smallness of the vote against confirmation will be another proof of how poorly informed some newspapers are about sentiments entertained by Senators.

STONE A FAVORITE.

The strength, fitness and availability of Hon. C. W. Stone of Warren, as a candidate for Governor, are perhaps no better known among leading politicians now than they have been for years but it is a gratification to his friends to know that day by day the fact is being more generally acknowledged, and publicly, too, by prominent party workers. What is as much in the Warren man's favor at this time as any one thing is his perfect freedom from factional broils. He has been and is now a straightforward, earnest, hard working Republican that commands the admiration of the masses of the party—the sturdy voters. As was said by a prominent Republican in an interview recently published in the Pittsburg Dispatch, "he is well enough known to be judged upon his own merits. His course as Secretary of the Commonwealth at Harrisburg will bear the closest inspection, likewise as Lieutenant Governor and a member of the legislature. In Congress he has won the distinction of being the most valuable member of the Pennsylvania delegation in the House. He is commended by every labor organization in the State for his services in Congress, and he is admired by every employer of the members of these orders. If he was nominated by the Republicans, the Independents would have no consistent course open but to endorse him, for he represents all they are contending for, clean government, good service, no dictation. His nomination would mean certain election.—Mercer Dispatch and Republican.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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M. S. [illegible]

THE CRUX OF THE MATTER.

Representative Dingley touched the core of the question of revenue and deficit in his speech in the House on Friday, December 10, in which he is reported as saying:

The estimated deficit for the present year, not counting the money obtained and to be obtained from the Pacific Railroads, was $28,000,000. The anticipatory importations had, Mr. Dingley argued, placed in the treasury before July 1 $38,000,000. These importations had reduced the deficit last year from $56,000,000 to $18,000,000. Inasmuch as the importations were for consumption this year, Mr. Dingley contended that in equity that sum should be credited to the receipts of the current year. If they were so credited, instead of a deficit, there would be a surplus this year of $10,000,000. Mr. Dingley figured out a surplus of exactly that amount for the coming fiscal year.

He described the steady manner in which the revenues had been increasing at the rate of one or two millions a month. Although December was generally a bad month for importations, he said that if the increase for the first nine days of this month were continued the receipts for this month would increase from $23,000,000 in November to $27,000,000 in December. When he confidently predicted that the effect of the anticipatory revenues would all be overcome during this fiscal year, and that after May or June, 1898, the revenues would exceed the expenditures, the Republican side broke into repeated cheers.

Mr. Dingley's plea for reasonable economy by Congress in the matter of authorized expenditures is one that should be heeded. In view of the large deficit and heavy interest charge inherited from the preceding administration, together with the unparalleled volume of advance importations, Congress confronts a situation that calls for unusual moderation and care in the matter of appropriations. It is better under such conditions, that the Fifty-fifth Congress should earn the reputation of stinginess than that the deficit be increased by too much liberality.

To the contention of Mr. Dingley that the $38,000,000 of duties on the anticipatory importations should in equity be credited to the receipts of the current fiscal year instead of to the receipts of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, there is no fair answer save that of acquiescence. The addition of $38,000,000 would have been the result had the Dingley law been promptly passed, or had the proposed retroactive clause been incorporated into the measure.

In any case, the prospect improves day by day, and the yielding of revenues ample to meet expenditures reasonably and intelligently trimmed to fit existing circumstances may be safely set down as one of the established certainties of the Dingley law.—American Economist.

Court Minutes.

Com. vs James Hodge; jury rendered verdict of aggravated assault. Court sentenced defendant to pay a fine of $15, costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment in county jail for 30 days.

Com. vs Carrie Smith; assault and battery on George Black. Black got a black eye and the costs while Carrie got off free.

Com. vs Eva Keck; who was returned by Constable Finnerty for keeping a bawdy and disorderly house. Jury found her guilty on first charge, but acquitted her on the latter and the county pays the fiddler. She was was sentenced to pay a fine of $500, costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for three months.

Mrs. E. A. Smith, an aunt of Eva Keck, was charged with selling liquor without license. Four witnesses swore to having purchased liquor from defendant, but in spite of evidence the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty and the county pays the costs.

Com. vs Jerry Robinson, Jake Genzel and Lambert Wagner, charged with aggravated riot, jail breaking and malicious mischief. Defendants plead guilty to malicious mischief. The court instructed the jury to render a verdict of not guilty in the first two charges and the county pays the costs, when it should have been worked out by the defendants in breaking stone on the public highway until the costs were satisfied. On the other charge they were sentenced to four months imprisonment, each, in the county jail.

The court confirmed the report of the viewers on a road in Hamlin township and ordered the petitioners to pay the costs of the view.

The court also confirmed the report of the viewers on the vacation of a road in Annin and ordered the county to pay the costs. The court made the same order in the matter of vacating a road in Hamlin township.

The case of the Com. vs Eva Yampuski, receiving stolen goods, was continued on application of the defendant. The defendant furnished bail in the sum of $500 for her appearance at the February term of court.

Com. vs Joseph Yampulski, receiving stolen goods, was continued till February term. Defendant furnished bail in the sum of $500.

Com. vs David Lovitz, receiving stolen goods, was continued till February term. Defendant furnished bail in the sum of $500.

Wirt Seeley, Joe Mack, Frank Whitney and Verne DeLair, charged with stealing junk, pleaded guilty in open court. These boys are all under 16 and the Judge, after giving the boys a severe lecture, decided to suspend sentence and required each of them to furnish bail in the sum of $200 for his appearance.

The Judge also suspended sentence on Sam Kelly, Mike Flanigan and Ralph Rockwell. They all pleaded guilty in open court to the charge of stealing junk. They were ordered to furnish bail in the sum of $200 for their appearance.

Minnie D. Miller vs M. H. Miller. Court awarded an alias subpœna.

Com. vs E. Grewer. Court granted a rule to show cause why the portion of costs imposed upon the defendant should not be remitted. The matter will be argued at the next term of argument court.

Com. vs Vallely. Court suspended sentence until next term.

The case of the Com. vs A. F. Moore, assault and battery, was continued until the February term. Defendant furnished bail for his appearance.

Court adjourned at 4:25 p. m. Friday.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach be disordered you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys be disordered, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good alterative and tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store. 50 cents per bottle.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says: "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

A Great Deal

of unnecessary expenditure of time and money may be saved if you will only keep a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in the house. Nine-tenths of all ordinary sickness is from the stomach; keep that organ in proper condition and all will be well. Syrup Pepsin is a specific. Trial size bottles 10c, large size 50c and $1.00 of A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Mrs. M. B. Ford, Ruddells, Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

For Sale.

Full blooded Jersey bull, 4 years old, sired by Jersey Monarch, No. [illegible]; dam, full blooded Jersey cow (eligible for registration) now owned by J. C. Hamlin of this place. Will be sold for cash or traded for other stock.

JAMES QUIRK,
Smethport, Pa.

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J. A. Perkins of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BRADFORD.

A regular meeting of the councils was held Monday evening. Councilman Terret introduced an ordinance empowering the select councils to increase the bonded indebtedness of the city $[illegible], which was referred to the finance committee. The money thus raised would be used to purchase new furniture for the city building, in equipping the fire department with horses and wagons, building bridges and constructing [illegible] etc. An ordinance providing for the [illegible] of any person found carrying concealed weapons, passed first and second reading. The new city [illegible] ordinance instructing the city [illegible] committee to have the building [illegible] any amount from $[illegible] [illegible] was referred to the committee [illegible]. The B., R. & P. [illegible] communications [illegible] to pay the city any tax or license fee for privilege of running its cars into Bradford over the tracks of [illegible]. Both communications were referred to the [illegible] street committee.

Last Friday afternoon a regular meeting of the board of school control was held. Bradford school rooms are so crowded that it will be necessary to erect a new school building to accommodate the overflow of pupils and a special committee has been appointed to decide on a suitable site for the school. This committee was not ready to report at the meeting Friday and asked more time for the consideration of the subject. A motion was made for the abolishment of corporal punishment in the public schools and seconded, but was defeated. A Third ward teacher severely punished a son of Chief of Police Ruddy, afterward acknowledging herself to have done wrong and tendering her apologies to the school and the child, hence this discussion. Misses Clara Burdick and Augusta Clark were elected substitute teachers at a salary of $30 per month for the time actually employed, and the resignation of Lena M. Langley as teacher in the Fifth ward accepted. Miss Elizabeth Owen was elected to the vacancy at a salary of $50 per month.

The different committees of the associated charities of this city held a meeting at the Women's Club house Tuesday morning. The winter promises to be a hard one and the charitable men and women of the city will undoubtedly be kept more than busy supplying the needy with the necessaries of life. A large room has been secured at 112 Main St., where supplies of all kinds will be received and distributed. The merchants and grocers are giving a good deal of help to the charitable society in the way of clothing and food.

The glass workers of the city who have been idle so long, owing to the shut down of window glass factories all over the country, are now happy. At a meeting of manufacturers and operators at Pittsburg Saturday evening the wage scale was adjusted satisfactorily to all and 15,000 men will start to work as soon as the furnaces are in readiness for them. A number of Bradford's residents are window glass workers and have been out of employment a long time. Work will be resumed about January 1.

The choirs of the various churches are preparing elaborate Christmas musical programs. Christmas services will be held in all the Protestant churches Sunday and at St. Bernard's Catholic church Saturday. Jamison's full orchestra will assist the Catholic choir at the 10:30 service Saturday and Sunday evening will assist at the Universalist church. Forrest Cheney, the noted violinist, of Buffalo will play at both morning and evening services at the Presbyterian church.

Rev. Cox of the Free Methodist church was the spiritual physician who failed to cure Mr. Drew of diphtheria. He was arrested for violating the quarantine regulations, having gone in and out of the Drew home after the quarantine was put up. At a hearing before Alderman Barbor last Friday the reverend gentleman pleaded ignorance of the law he had violated and was released without the fine of $25 which is the penalty in such cases. It is hoped this will be a lesson.

Thos. D. Van Osten's 3 star comedy company is at the Wagner all this week, presenting high class plays at popular prices. The bright, particular star of the combination is Miss Inez Mecusker, the American cantatrice. She is a clever actress, a good singer and a great favorite with Bradford audiences.

M. W. Wagner, manager of the Wagner opera house, has purchased the Sheehan and Fitzgibbon property on Chestnut street and will put in an electric light plant for the purpose of supplying light to the theatre. Power will be furnished for 225 16-candle-power lamps, which will be a great improvement.

Willie Warmcastle, a Fourth ward boy, has lost his mind and has been taken to a sanitarium for treatment. The unfortunate boy is a great favorite in Bradford and his sudden affliction was a grief and shock to his many friends. Hopes are entertained, however, of his ultimate complete recovery.

The grocers of Bradford have always been in the habit of giving to their customers boxes of expensive candies, which aggregate each year a large sum of money. The custom will be dispensed with this year and the same amount of money given in groceries to the poor. It is a most commendable act.

The home of C. H. Lavens at 109 Corydon street was injured by fire to the extent of $100 Thursday morning. Quick work on the part of Mr. Lavens and his son, John, extinguished the blaze in a short time. The fire broke out in the parlor, but its origin is not known.

Miss Jane Markham of Congress street has left for Kane, where she has accepted a position as stenographer in the office of her brother, John Markham, Jr. Miss Markham is a graduate of the Bradford Business College.

Rev. A. S. Bowman of Austin was in Bradford last week soliciting funds with which to rebuild the Methodist church which was destroyed by fire at that place recently.

Efforts are being made by the mothers of the city to have a free kindergarten established in connection with the public school.

Mrs. Martha Sherman has been appointed an aide on the staff of the National president of the Women's Relief Corps.

A number of Bradford young people who attend out of town schools and colleges are home for the holidays.

The annual election of officers of the board of trade takes place the second Tuesday in January.

The Pompelon Club discussed at their last meeting "The Mission of the Devil."

CLERMONT.

J. F. Keating is having a ditch cut five feet in depth from the mouth of the Lyman mines a distance of 300 yards into the mines for the purpose of draining, which will save the expense of pumping the water out as heretofore.

Our school closed on Tuesday last for its annual vacation of two weeks. This will give the little folks an opportunity to be in readiness for old Santa Claus with his many presents.

Mrs. L. Bayes accompanied her daughter, Elizabeth, on her return to Chicago last week. She expects to remain there this winter for the benefit of her health.

The Independent Gas Co.'s No. 2 well will be drawn to the road by Saturday or Monday next. This well [illegible] for the company.

[illegible]

[illegible]

The donation held at the home of Miss [illegible] for the benefit of Rev. P. Miller was a decided success in every particular. With feasting, music and mirth the evening passed all too quickly, but all things must have an ending, and as we bade our hostess [illegible] we could not find words adequate to express our appreciation of the pleasant time enjoyed under their roof.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. [illegible] took in the Farmers Institute at Smethport Monday and Tuesday.

The Misses Nellie and Susie Miller were guests of Mrs. P. C. Crandall Friday and Saturday.

Miss Malinda Wedell of Buck Run was the guest of her sister, Miss Freda, Friday.

Miss Blanch Baker of Buffalo is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Katherine Baker.

Miss Rose Gainer is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. H. Otto.

Consumption Positively Cured.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for coughs, colds and consumption. It doesn't fail. Trial bottles free at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store.

It is Strange

that some people who say they never read patent medicine advertisements will be found buying some every now and then a bottle of some favorite remedy of theirs. We don't bother you with much reading matter but just ask you to try a 10c trial bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin for constipation, indigestion and stomach troubles. 50c and $1.00 sizes. At A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

To the Public.

The loss of my Livery Barn by fire makes it necessary for me to reduce my stock. I have for sale at reasonable prices:

Horses,
Sleighs,
Cutters,
Harness,
Blankets,
Robes,
Whips.
Buggies,
Wagons,

Acme Stock Food,
Pulsifer's Veterinary Medicines,
Daniels' Veterinary Medicines,
Harness Oil,
Coach Oil,
Axle Grease,
Extra Thills,
Extra Poles,
Extra Buggy Poles,

Come and see me. Office in Backus Block, Opposite Court House.

A. T. PALMER.

WANTED—A position as book-keeper or stenographer by a young lady graduate. She is thoroughly prepared and anxious for experience. Moderate salary. She is one of the very finest writers in the State. Send for a specimen of her work if you have a position of any kind to offer. Address Bradford Business College of Employment, Bradford, Pa.

Cash Prices R Not Tick Prices.

Arbuckles Coffee 10c lb., mixed candies 10c lb. or 3 for 25c, walnuts 14c lb., Brazil nuts 10c, peanuts 5c qt. Ginger snaps and crackers, strictly A No. 1 and fresh, 6c lb. Matches, 9c dozen boxes, not 20c, and they are the best parlor Clothes pins 1c doz.

COME EARLY

Don't wait till the last day before Xmas. Now is your time to get your best selection of these fancy Imported China Novelties. They will not last at the prices they R marked. Don't wait! Come now.

There has never been so large an assortment of fancy and useful goods in Smethport as I now have.

A. E. STICKLES, Smethport, Pa.

Horses and Pianos.

We once saw a horse sold for ninety-five cents. He was just as high and just as long as any horse. This may not be an elegant comparison, but it applies. A low priced article is not a cheap article. A cheap article is not always low priced. A low priced piano is a questionable piano. A questionable piano is a bad piano. Hence buy the best—

BUY A CHICKERING. . . . .

It will cost you some money—all good pianos do. The difference is not so great; but the quality is beyond comparison. We exhibit all styles of Chickerings.

E. L. SMITH & CO.

Masonic Temple. Olean, N. Y.

Fresh Home Made Candy at

CHRISTMAS
CANDIES.
CHOICE FRUITS.

Brasted's

SANTA CLAUS!

Here once more,
At the same old place,

WELLS' DRUG STORE.

VASES.

One of our best lines. We are proud of this selection of dainty and seasonable gifts.

Price will certainly suit you.

BOOKS

For people of all ages. Have you seen our green edition at

35c; 3 for $1.00 (not 50c each).

PERFUMES.

Our reputation for good Perfumes is established. Always the best at reasonable prices—

10c to $5.00.

Silver Novelties

Are selling rapidly—cause is apparent.

Celluloid Goods, Leather Goods, } Toilet Sets, Traveling Sets, Smokers' Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, Etc., Etc.

Children's Palace.

The place where Games, Toys, Blocks, Dolls, Engines, Horses, Stoves, Drums, Sad Irons, Ten Pins, Dishes, Dresses and hundreds of other presents for our Girls and Boys are found in profusion.

Wells' Drug Store,

SMETHPORT, PA.

Opera House Block.

Ford's Red Front Removal Sale.

CLOTHING.

REMEMBER . . .

the great removal sale of clothing at

FORD'S RED FRONT,

It will soon close. Jan. 1 will be the wind up of one of the greatest clothing sales ever offered to you. Clothing at manufacturers' prices.

Also keep fresh in your memory we hage the largest and best line of Underwear in Olean from 25 cents to $3.

A full line of Gloves and Mittens at the popular prices.

CLOTHING.

Ford's Red Front Removal Sale.

Send it by TELEGRAPH!

Plant your order now for

CHRISTMAS.

"Tears are nothing but salt water." If you do not take advantage of some of my offerings you will soon be able to start a little ocean of your own.

There is nothing in the Watch or Jewelry line that I cannot save you money on.

Any order for Diamonds, Jewelry, Silverware or Novelties will receive prompt and careful attention.

I have a good Bicycle joke to tell you later.

M. L. ARMSTRONG,

Smethport, Pa.

CHRISTMAS.

This magnificent stock is at your service. You find some gifts elsewhere. Nearly all gifts are here. This variety insures satisfaction. Our prices are lower than competitors can meet. At this time of all times every consideration invites you to this store.

Toy Department

Every toy that Christmas brings to anybody is in one room here.

1500 Dolls—10c to $6.00.
200 kinds of toys.
150 different games.
Hobby Horses.
Iron Toys—all kinds.

All Doll Furniture.
New kinds of Doll Carriages.
Toy Carpet Sweepers—50c.
Tool Chests.
40 kinds of sleds—40c up.

China Department

Our own importations from every China-making country.

100 Styles Dinner Sets—$6.75 up.
New Toilet Sets—$2.50 up.
Breakfast and Tea Sets.
Soup Sets—Fish Sets, etc.
Sole agents for Haviland Ware.

Fancy Chinca from every country—Japan to Austria.
Bric-a-brac and Pottery.
White China for decorating.
Sibley's latest Cut Glass.

Silverware and Jewelry

Standard and honest wares at the lowest prices anybody asks.

Gorham's and Whitney's solid wares.
Sets in white kid cases.
The four best makes of plated wares.
Wm. Rogers' flat ware.
100 Silver Novelties—50c and up.
Solid silver brush and comb, $5.00.

American watches—$3.00 up.
Sole agents for the best Swiss watches.
Little Chatalain watches.
Clocks in every modern style.
A $20,000 stock of diamonds.
All of Rogers & Gallet's $5.00 perfumes.

Gifts for Everybody

Our variety in everything is as complete as in the largest cities.

Demorest $55 Sewing Machine—$19.50.
Bissell's Carpet Sweepers.
Banquet Lamps at special prices.
The best Lamp ever sold at $2.00.
New self-pouring tea pots.
New Princess Lamps.

The most unique umbrellas.
Onyx Stands—Jardinieres.
Gold pens—fountain pens.
Pocketbooks and card cases.
Smoking Sets.
All kinds of mirrors.

These are but a few suggestions. Our store is filled.

EMERY & WEAVER,

L. Emery, Jr., & Co.,

BRADFORD, PENN'A.

LEATHER GOODS.

The finest assortment of Ladies' and Gents' Pocket Books, Traveling Cases, Card Cases, Etc., ever shown in Smethport.

We will also have a new line of Pictures at prices from 75c to $10 each.

Bibles, Hymnals, Prayer Books and Testaments.

Stationery and Toilet Articles, Drugs and Medicines, at

Armstrong & Co.'s,

Opposite Court House. SMETHPORT, PA.

Fall and Winter MILLINERY GOODS

are here and the new designs and shapes are more stylish and beautiful than ever before, if such a thing is possible. The stock was personally selected by me. A visit to any of the stores is well worth your time, and if you contemplate buying you will be the winner.

Mrs. J. W. Reilly,

SMETHPORT, PA.

OLEAN BRANCH,
105 State Street.

In Order to

KEEP UP WITH THE ELECTRIC AGE

and make our store headquarters for the

Christmas Spirit

We call your attention to us. Especially in the book line. FANCY BOOKLETS, THE LATEST NOVELS, BIBLES, PRAYER BOOKS. We desire that you call and look over this line before making orders to department stores, as we have the goods and are determined to make the price so that you will purchase at home.

McCoy's Drug Store,

Odd Fellows' Block. SMETHPORT, PA.

Fall Millinery.

My stock has recently arrived and for style and quality it cannot be excelled.

FALL AND WINTER DRESS GOODS.

My new stock of single patterns is unequalled in this section. All the latest patterns—no two alike.

LADIES' FURNISHINGS.

Everything in this line that the most fanciful could desire. Don't fail to see my stock before purchasing.

Mrs. E. E. Chambers,

SMETHPORT, PA.

HOLIDAY GOO S.

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.,
DEALERS IN
General Merchandise.

SMETHPORT, P c. 10, 1897.

DEAR READER:—

We announce to you to-day the arriva r store of an extensive collection of the useful and the bea in Christmas wares.

It has been our study this season to gether a wide range of the practical along with the merely ental.

With our announcement we invite y esence in our establishment and respectfully solicit your pa e.

Very Truly Yours,
F. G. LIN LM & CO.

New, Bright, Beautiful

A Few Sugg ons.

Medallions,
Picture Frames,
Pictures,
Baskets,
Art Goods,
Books,
Toys and Games,
Neckties,
Mufflers,
Umbrel
Slipp
Glov
F
kerchiefs.

CANDIES & NU

F. G. LINDHOLM CO.,

Dec. 10. Sme rt, Penn'a.

CRAYONS!

You want one. Am now enabled to furnish fine crayons for Christmas at lowest possible prices. These are extra fine and you will think so if you get one. Nothing better for a gift.

PICTURES!

Carbonettes, Cabinets, Views, etc., all up to date and as good as you can get anywhere.

"IKE" GLEASON, The Photographer,
Smethport, Pa.

"SHOES."

We will send to any responsible person SHOES to select from. We have everything in

Fine Shoes

In styles and quality that cannot be purchased in any small town. We make a specialty of FINE SHOES; every width and size.

BURT & PACKARD'S Korrect Shape Shoes for Men. We refer you to our many customers in Smethport.

R. W. Bloodsworth & Co.,
Olean, N. Y.

Commence the New Year by Smoking

The American Gentleman Cigar.

You will never regret the good resolution you have started. For sale at all first-class cigar stands in Smethport and vicinity.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, DEC. 24, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Niagara.

Plunging, as to depths infernal,
With a muffled monotone;
Rolling on, sublime, eternal,
In thy majesty alone.
While a mighty spirit, hidden
'Midst the waves, untrammeled, free,
Rant, with angry voice, forbidden
All attempts to fetter thee.
Long before an ear to hear it—
Since the world itself was young,
Hast that wild, demoniac spirit,
Proudly its defiance sung;
And, disported through the ages—
One stupendous holiday;
How it raves, and how it rages,
In its fierce chaotic play!
Play thou on, but now a duty
Must thou yield a master—man;
Though he's not despoiled thy beauty
With unsightly bar or ban;
Left thee, still, O peerless wonder,
Grand, sublime, as in the past;
But he heeded not the thunder
And has chained thy lightnings fast!
Which portends a future brighter
Than the past has ever been;
For 'twill make the burden lighter
Of a million toiling men.
And around thy brink will center
All that mind and wealth can bring,
In the era which we enter,
Electricity is king!

—CHARLES A. OLMSTEAD
in Buffalo News.

—Now make your resolutions.

—Attend the benefit Monday night.

—A merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

—Music and song at the opera house Monday night.

—Mrs. Catherine Card of Roulette died last Saturday.

—The MINER is under obligation to R. B. Dunsley of Bush Hill.

—The glass works at Kane will start up soon after New Year's.

—The windows of all our stores present a very attractive appearance.

—Do not fail to hear John Temple Graves at the opera house Dec. 30.

—The water company should see that the hydrants are all in working order.

—Louis Marck of Bradford has a change of adv. on the first page. Read it.

—Hon. H. H. North will please accept the thanks of the MINER for favors rendered.

—C. A. Burdick presented this office last Saturday with a fine lot of calendars for 1898.

—Mr. Partie will move his family into his residence at the corner of Franklin and High streets.

—Work on the big chemical factory to be erected at DeGolia will not commence until next spring.

—H. W. Marcus of Olean has something of importance to tell you this week in his adv. on the first page.

—No wonder subscribers are slow in paying up when certain editors fire them bodily and breeches.

—The members of the bar of Cattaraugus county had a banquet at the Olean House at Olean last Friday night.

—A bicycle ball league, in which Bradford and Kidred will be included, is one of the possibilities of the near future.

—Mt. Jewett is putting on metropolitan airs. Editor Northrup has started a daily, undoubtedly a long felt want.

—E. C. Partie and Miss Carrie Thornton were married at home of the bride Wednesday morning. Rev. T. R. Taylor performed the ceremony.

—Couderspo s to have an epidemic of mum everal cases are reported from th

—Mrs. Wm gar of Coudersport died at her h that place Sunday. Funeral was Wednesday.

—Do not fo attend the musical entertainment opera house Monday night. You urred a musical treat.

—There wi o paper issued from this office ne k. The force desire to give "Kri kle" a proper reception.

—We go to one day earlier this week in ord e our advertisers all the benefit p from their advertisements.

—The Sm t Entertainment Ass'n will give the nd course at the opera house Dec. ohn Temple Graves will lecture.

—A. G. ster and family have moved from ich to the new dwelling recentl ed by E. L. Olmsted at Colegrove.

—The le trolley cars have drawn mos e evening travel from the W. N. P. R. R., between that place and C

—The ircuit—walking about with the b the night.—Port Allegany Repo Well, set up the cigars and we'll s more about it.

—Potter y will hold a farmers' institute in urt house at Coudersport on Januar 6. Prominent speakers will ad he convention.

—List of led for letters remaining in the pos at Smethport for the week endi c. 18: Mrs. L. M. Robinson, M. onher and Mrs. R. R. Stevenson

—The h officials should see that the sidew f the town are kept as free as po from ice and snow. If the prope ners do not attend to this they shou made to do so.

—H. W sky has a new adv. in this issue it will pay you to read. He has o ened a branch store in the Stick uilding at the Mechanic street br Give him a call.

—Eld s a club known as the "Belles ondike." We advise the young m keep away as the very name w ve them the chills. It would b e of freeze out.

—It is hat C. P. Collins and other Bradfor ators are about to begin prospec outh of the Watsonville development It is the general belief that another imilar to that at Watsonville wi ound there.

—Th rt Glass Co., of New York sent he week a specimen of their work in Judging from the sample of the n exhibition at the Central this co is worthy of the confidence of any unity.

—Th thport Gas Co., has given a contr Ghordis Oviatt to drill a well o Mrs. Maria Carter farm near this h. The derrick is being erecte if everything moves along smoot e well will be finished by Jan. 1

—A Palmer has purchased the barn f the Pierce House owned by W. D up and is fitting up the same for h eadquarters. Mr. Palmer will build ddition on the east side 25x50 feet will make very commodious quart

—O last Sunday's papers contained an ac of a marvelous animal or reptile w as 600 feet long and 20 feet high was as much at home in the wate n land. Its almost an even bet that Harrington is a contributer to that

—sentative Hooker has secured the ntment of Mellville M. Gillett of Olea a lucrative position on the Nicara Canal commission, for which ther e many other applicants. Mr. Gi ill sail for Nicaragua at once. —O Ledger.

— bakery, store and dwelling ho ned by J. T. Kebler of Kane wa royed by fire last Tuesday morning e contents of the buildings were ent destroyed, the loss partially cover insurance. The family barely esc with their lives.

—Grant Holden, at one time a resid this town, and lately connected wi ker Sanitarium, at Gardeau, under , Taylor, dropped dead in Clearfie , on the same day Col. Parker die week last Wednesday. Heart fail e cause.—Reporter.

—u have a friend living in some dist nd, who was formerly a resident his section and desire to make bim liday present that will be appre , send him or her the MINER paid year in advance, and his or her pr ill bless you 52 times during the yea

—u are in need of stationery the M ill supply you with the latest and styles on the market, in letter hea e heads, bill heads, cards and env , or in fact anything to be found in a lass printing office. Send in yo rs by mail if you cannot present smiling face.

—onundrum supper given by the Smethport School pupils at the residence A. E. Wormer last Friday even as a complete success. The amo ollected for the purchase of scho ary books was $11.04. The Smet Mandolin Club and Mr. and Mrs. Tanner of East Smethport were ninent figures in the musical part program.

—Thomas Partie has purchased of William Maurer the lot on which his blacksmith shop stood. Mr. Partie will erect thereon a building 2 x40 feet to be used as a blacksmith shop until he can rebuild on the old site.

—We were not aware that we had in our midst a poet of such undeniable ability as the poem, "Niagara," at the head of our local column this week indicates. The effusion is from the pen of our townsman, Mr. C. A. Olmstead, and is taken from last Tuesday evening's Buffalo News.

—There was an old jay at the court house last Tuesday night who occupied one of the front seats and made himself quite conspicuous. He wore a pair of rubber boots, which he very kindly removed and sat there the whole evening wiggling his toes for the benefit of the audience.

—The Phillips well No. 1, on the Garlick farm, was drilled in yesterday and shows for a light gasser. They will extend the drill into the Kane sand in hopes of finding something better. The VanSlyke well on the Barnes farm shows up about equal to the Stoner No. 2.—Mt. Jewett News.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday (St. Stephen's Day,) the services will be at 7:30 and at 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. At the evening service the Rector will give the third of a ceres of addresses to young men on the subject of "Courage." The anthem will be Stainer's "What are these in bright array?"

—The Brown and White University of Lehigh speaks thusly of John Temple Graves: "Mr. Graves is the successor of the late Henry W. Grady and brings with him the most enthusiastic endorsements of the press and most of the prominent public men of the day." Mr. Graves will be at the opera house Dec. 30.

—The First Methodist Episcopal church will hold Christmas Eve service Friday evening. A very interesting program will be given consisting of music and recitations. There will be a Christmas tree. On the Sabbath the pastor, Rev. Dr. Ira Taylor Walker, will preach both morning and evening appropriate to the occasion. Most excellent music will be rendered.

—A force of fourteen men has been employed during the past three weeks in replacing all the wood work on the Kinzua viaduct with new Southern pine. Over 300,000 feet of lumber was consumed. This is the first time the woodwork of the viaduct has been entirely replaced since its construction, nearly twenty years ago.—Bradford Star. The bridge was completed September 2, 1882.

—It is currently reported that the juror in the Hearst case, who held out against every argument for a verdict, was heard to remark when he first entered the jury room that such and such were "his convictions" and he "would stay there till the ants carried him through the key hole before he would change them." He would not be convinced by the other eleven, neither would he give his reasons. He was one of those who know it all.

—At a tea Saturday afternoon last Mrs. Byron D. Hamlin announced the engagement of her grand-daughter, Miss Harriet Redfield, to Mr. Mellville M. Gillett of Olean, N. Y., now in Alabama as an engineer in the U. S. Geological Survey. —McKean County MINER. Miss Redfield is very well known and popular in this city where she has been many times as the guest of Miss May Rogers and others. Her Bradford friends wish her joy and prosperity.—Bradford Herald.

—It must be a rather dangerous operation to attempt to pay your subscription to the misguided down town sheet. Last Thursday afternoon a gentleman attempted that difficult undertaking and when he indulged in a little pleasantry, the sunny-tempered editor fell upon him and fired him bodily from the office, and "placed his No. 10 where it would do the most good." We hereby caution our life-loving subscribers, who take the Democrat, to send their subscriptions to that sheet by mail. 'Tis the safer method.

—The defunct Mt. Jewett Furniture Company's plant is likely to be revived. Elisha Kent Kane has offered the plant to any experienced man for an easy consideration. The building is worth $4,000 and the machinery $5,400. Kane offers the building for $2,000 and any part of the machinery at two-thirds value. Or, to a concern which will buy all the machinery at two-thirds value and guarantee to operate it for three years he will donate the lot and buildings for manufacturing purposes, thus furnishing the purchaser with a plant which cost $9,418 and which is just as good as new, for $3,660.—Bradford Star.

—A Bradford business man was subpenaed as a witness in the Dr. Grewer case. He states that he had made arrangements at Smethport for a message to be sent him as soon as there was any probability of the case being called, intending to leave for the county seat immediately upon its receipt. On Tuesday afternoon a bench warrant was issued for him and he was taken to the county seat by an officer and it cost him $4.35. He was detained at Smethport all day Wednesday, and was not called to the witness stand until 10:36 Thursday forenoon. Other men who were also subpœnaed were not present at all. Justice is like a Chinese puzzle, rather difficult to understand.—Bradford Star.

Christmas and New Year's Reduction.

We have decided to make a reduction in the price of the MCKEAN COUNTY MINER to all persons who pay up all arrearages and pay one year in advance from the first day of January.

From this date until further notice all new subscribers and old ones, who pay in full all back subscription, will receive the MINER one year for $1 00 cash, strictly in advance.

Remember all back subscriptions will be charged at the rate of $1.25 per year and no person can get this special offer without paying all arrearages to the time of settlement and $1 00 for the year following.

The subscription price of the MINER is still $1.25 and, as the offer may not last long, everyone should take advantage of this reduction while it lasts.

Personal.

Dr. F. C. Pierce of this place returned last week from Rochester, N. Y., where he has been receiving instructions in the latest modes of crown and bridge work. The Doctor is now prepared to do crown and bridges in perfectly satisfactory manner.

E. T. Daly has a fine line of Portland cutters that he offers for sale very cheap. When you desire to take your best girl for a sleigh ride remember Daly keeps the most stylish rigs in the market.

Have you seen "Solomon Isaacs?"
An awful fine cigar—"Solomon Isaacs."
Five cents will buy a "Solomon Isaacs."
Don't fail to get a "Solomon Isaacs" cigar.

Are you contemplating buying a Piano or Organ? Drop us a postal for free catalogue and lowest prices ever offered.
C. WILLARD & CO.
46-tf Olean, N. Y.

Do you need a Robe or Blanket. See Lemmler about it at once.

Go to Lemmler's for Robes and Blankets. He can suit you. Prices are right.

M. O. Wells sells Dyes' Hair Restorer.

Farmers' Institute.

At 2 o'clock last Monday afternoon President D. C. Young called the convention to order in a few [illegible] appropriate to the occasion. [illegible] the roughness of the roads there was a small attendance, but it kept increasing during the afternoon.

Mr. Young then introduced State Senator N. C. Critchfield of Somerset county who gave a very interesting talk on the successful cultivation of potatoes. The speaker was a man of about 60 years and remarkably well preserved. He mentioned the fact that last year there was an over production of potatoes, while this year many farmers were blaming themselves for not planting more of the tubers last spring. In regard to the successful cultivation of potatoes he considered clover sod turned over the fall previous the best, but corn stubble if properly prepared was a good second. The ground after plowing should be thoroughly harrowed and pulverized, then furrowed out to the depth of about 4½ inches for planting. For early potatoes he advised planting about 10 inches apart, but for later crops about 12 and 14 inches. After planting the ground to be harrowed over at least once a week till the sprouts appear above ground and then a weeder used. The speaker advised the use of good sized potatoes for seeding, one eye on each piece. In the fall instead of placing his seed potatoes in the cellar, he buried them in the ground a sufficient depth to keep them from freezing. This would prevent their sprouting and thus preserve all the vitality in them for seed. In planting never use more than 6 or 7 bushels of seed potatoes to the acre. The speaker also stated that if manure was used it should be applied the year previous, and that would have a tendency to prevent potato blight and also scab on the tubers. The speaker gave a recipe made up as follows, to prevent the above blight and scab: Take 6 lbs. of lime and 6 pounds of sulphate of copper, put into sufficient water to dissolve it, then add enough water to make 50 gallons and use as a spray on the vines. This is known as the Bordeaux mixture. If troubled with potato bugs add enough Paris green to kill them and use at the same time, thereby killing two birds with one stone.

The potato culture discussion having closed Prof. Hess took the floor at 3:15. His subject was "Rational Stock Feeding." Prof. Hess handled his subject in his own interesting and instructive manner. Among other good things he said was the following: "There is a much larger profit in the early developement of stock, also before commencing to fat stock for the market they would do much better if well fed on some food rich in protein."

EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30 Monday evening the institute was called to order by D. C. Young, after which the Mandolin Club rendered several pieces of very fine music for which they were loudly applauded. The attendance was rather small. It is very much to be regretted that a convention gotten up for the education of the farmer, at no cost to him, will not induce him to attend, when he could derive so much benefit from practical experience of men who have made agricultural matters a life study. President Young thanked the mandolin club on behalf of the convention. The president then introduced Prof. Eckels, whom he said, was to preside at the session.

Prof. Eckels made a short, but appropriate address. Among other things, he said, was that he had been greatly benefitted by attending last year's convention. He said he had also taken up horticulture as at present he was doing some sprouting. Mr. Eckels stated that it had become very plain that a farmer must use his brains as well as his hands in order to be successful.

Prof. Hess of State College gave quite a lengthy talk on the education of the farmer and what advantages might be derived from the study of works that could be secured treating on that subject.

Senator Critchfield then made an address on "The Farm and the Common School," which was listened to with a great deal of attention. At 9 o'clock the convention adjourned until 9 o'clock the next morning.

TUESDAY MORNING'S SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 10 a. m. and gave an entertaining discourse on the use of lime on the soil as a plant food. Some of his statements were: "Ground limestone is better than land plaster. Limestone applied to the surface is one of the best ways of applications. Limestone is better burned with wood than coal."

Senator Critchfield took the floor at 10:40 and discussed "Treatment of Worn Out Soils." A few pointers from his address follow: "Soil extends down to bed rock sometimes 30 feet. There is enough potash in 20 inches of soil to last 1200 years, to grow on an average of 25 bushels of wheat per acre. Clover is one of the best if not the very best crop to grow to bring up run down ground."

"How to Build Up a Dairy," by Prof. Hess, was the last subject discussed in the a. m. session.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

About one hour was taken up answering questions.

Mr. Critchfield discussed the question "Why are farmers profits less than formerly?"

Mr. Hess then discussed the question of commercial fertilizers.

When the question was raised in the convention as to how many farmers had availed themselves of the law as relating to the use of wide tired wagons, out of the entire audience seven men arose. 'Tis passing strange that farmers will cling to that injurious custom of using narrow tired wagons. It injures their farms, is a damage to the roads and above all it is virtually cruel to their horses. At the present time we have a practical test of this question. See the condition of our roads, they are almost impassible, whereas if wide tired wheels had been used the roads would have been smooth.

THE BEST LAST.

A very fitting termination of the Farmers' Institute was held last Tuesday evening at the court house under the auspices of the Travelers Club. President Mrs. D. C. Young called the meeting to order in a short, but appropriate address. Miss Elida Wright favored the large audience with the solo, "Daddy," followed with a piano solo by Mrs. H. C. Wells. Mrs. L. K. Hogarth gave an able address on "A Model Home," which was well delivered and highly appreciated. Miss Alice McCoy sang the "Maid of Dundee," in her rich full voice and was recalled. Mrs. Henry Hamlin gave out the next subject, "The Right of Children." Mrs. H. L. McCoy read a well prepared article on the rights of children in the home. Mrs. Henry Hamlin then followed with an able article on their rights in the church. Mrs. Mayo's article was on their rights in the school, Mrs. Warley Gifford on their rights on the street and Mrs. Church on their rights in business. All the above papers were so well prepared and rendered that each is worthy of special mention, but space forbids. Miss [illegible] McCoy then [illegible] Baby [illegible] her father, sister and brother. [illegible] nes was in her happiest mood and she captured all in the hearing of her rich, mellow voice. She was recalled. Mrs. T. A. Morrison then read an able article on the "Quality and Preparation of Food." This address should be printed in large type and hung up in the kitchen of every house wife. It will be published in the MINER later. Mrs. Morrison opened the eyes of many housekeepers and told some startling truths. May her words of advice prove beneficial. Mrs. Wells favored the audience with another piano solo. Miss Lucy Backus favored the audience with a recitation in her usual charming style which was highly appreciated. Then Mrs. Earl Shooke gave a talk on the care of the sick. Then good nights were said and all departed feeling well pleased with the entertainment. The ladies did nobly and eclipsed the men entirely. If our farmers were as thorough as the ladies we might look for better results in agriculture.

A Christmas Present

And another to get what you want. The following are some of the many handsome things you can select from and in which our line for Xmas is complete:

SMOKING JACKETS from $5.00 to $15.00
BATH ROBES " 5.00 " 14.00
DENT'S and ALDER'S GLOVES from $1.50 to $2.50 Pair
EARL & WILSON'S COLLARS and CUFFS " 2.75 " 4.00 Doz.
FANCY SUSPENDERS from 75c to $2.50 Pair
MONARCH SHIRTS " $1.00 " 2.00
NECKWEAR IN ANY SHAPE, PRICE OR FORM
BOY'S KID GLOVES
GANS' FAMOUS UMBRELLS—Born in Baltimore and raised everywhere
HOSIERY IN ANY DESCRIPTION from 25c to 50c Pair
LINEN AND SILK HANDKERCHIEFS A SPECIALTY.

In fact we can show you anything in

Gents Furnishings.

No old but all new goods. Kindly soliciting your patronage, mail reaches me at 53 Fraley St., and don't forget the number.

Kane, Pa. *Bell,* *The Hatter and Furnisher.*

Christmas Festivals.

At St. Luke's church and at All Saint's, East Smethport, the Christmas festival for the children will be on a larger scale than usual this year, and with some new and pleasing features. The Christmas tree will be at the chapel at 4 p. m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th. A fine selection of carols will be sung by the children and the large tree will be decorated by the ladies of the Guild and ladened with many choice gifts. The children's festival at St. Luke's will be on the same day—Christmas Eve—at 7:30 p. m. After a short service, with Christmas hymns, all are invited to assemble at the opera house for the presentation of the gifts and an evening of amusements and play for the children.

On Christmas day the first celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Luke's will be at 7:30 a. m. At 10:30 at the second celebration the service of Tours in C will be sung, with the Benedictus and Agnus Dei from Gounod's famous "St. Cecelia", and Novello's "Adeste Fideles" at the offeratory, arranged for solo, duet and chorus. The choir has been largely increased and its splendid work is being shown at all the services of late, and will place the festival music of this Christmas in advance of other years. All are cordially invited to the services.

A Grand Offer.

With the beginning of the new year we will club the Pittsburg Daily Times and the MCKEAN COUNTY MINER for the low price of $3 25, strictly cash in advance. This will give you 364 papers a year at $3 25, or less than one cent per day. You cannot afford to do without this offer. The Pittsburg Daily Times furnishes the latest telegraphic news and is well filled with very interesting reading matter. Remember this offer is for cash only.

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold thad Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction.—Oolagah, Ind. Ter. Chief.

This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive of pneumonia. Among the many thousands who have used it for colds and la grippe we have never yet learned of a single case having resulted in pneumonia. Persons who have weak lungs or have reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, should keep the remedy at hand. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Auction.

I will sell at auction at my camp near Hazelhurst, Pa., on Dec. 28, 1897, all my lumbering outfit, consisting of 8 heavy work horses, 3 wagons, sleighs, harness, blankets, chains, etc.; also one driving horse, buggy, cutter, robes, etc.; also one complete blacksmithing outfit, including drill machine, one new standard screw plate, etc.; also all household furniture, dishes, stoves, beds, etc., for camp accommodating 30 men. This is one of the most complete lumbering outfits in this section of the country and anyone needing a horse or anything in that line can get it cheap. On Tuesday, Dec. 28.

JOHN BEASTROM.

Dec. 16, 1897.

To the Public.

The loss of my livery barn by fire makes it impossible for me to make my patrons quite as comfortable as heretofore, but am able to supply anything in the way of rigs and double carriages very promptly. My office is located in the Backus block directly opposite the court house, where I would be pleased to have my patrons make their headquarters, and I solicit a continuance of your patronage. As quick as circumstances will permit I will provide suitable quarters to care for the transient trade.

Very Respectfully,
50-2t A. T. PALMER.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

Is equally as effective for animals as for the human flesh. As a liniment it has no equal in the world. Every bottle guaranteed. It never fails to cure neuralgia. Sold by Chadwick's Drug Store.

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Christmas 1897.

Hang up the holly and the yew,
Let doors swing open wide:
Santa Claus loaded must pass though
Though briefly to abide;
Sweet children, wait in hopeful glee,
The couting of the deer;
In high suspense that they may see
Old Santa in his cheer.
His gifts are beautiful and vast,
He brings them from afar;
Reminding us of ages past
When God's love lit a star.
We see again the Holy Face,
Madona with her child;
With loving arms we would embrace
A form so sweet and mild.
We hear rich voices ringing loud,
The heavens are in delight;
The star comes out from darkest cloud,
The music fills the night.
"Good will, good will," the angels sing,
The song is rich and sweet:
"Glory and peace to earth we bring,
To make your homes complete."

E. T. W.

PERSONAL MENTION.

R. H. Rose of Binghamton is in town.

Orlo J. Hamlin spent Sunday in Kane.

Scott Redfield visited Olean last Saturday.

'Squire B. L. Knapp went to Bradford Monday.

Dr. H. L. McCoy paid Mt. Jewett a visit Monday.

R. C. Sasse leaves to-day (Friday) for Baltimore.

Miss May Dibble left Wednesday for Cambridge, Pa.

T. F. Richmond went to the Bison city Wednesday.

Leon Wolters is home from Baltimore for the holidays.

Roy Gifford is home from Cleveland for the holidays.

Craig Rose of Binghamton is visiting relatives in town.

Miss Lucy Mitchell visited Bradford friends Monday.

W. J. Griffiths of Kane was in town on business Tuesday.

L. Scanlon of Colegrove was a pleasant caller Wednesday.

Frank Glatt of Kane attended the Farmers' Institute this week.

Harry Weaver of Straights arrived in town Thursday for the holidays.

Tom Morrison came home from Williams College Wednesday night.

Mrs. M. W. Heinlein of Colegrove was in town on a visit Wednesday.

J. J. McCary of Turtle Point was a guest at the Central Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Christley of Colegrove were in town this week.

P. C. Foley, the popular marble cutter of Olean, was in town Wednesday.

County Treasurer T. B. Clark came over Monday to extend holiday greetings.

Isaac Duntley of Keating township was a pleasant caller at this office Monday.

E. M. Sternberg and W. W. Seymour of Ormsby were in town Monday night.

William Masser and family expect to move to the Pacific slope after New Year's.

Miss Helen Forrest came home from school last Saturday to spend the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Knapp and children were guests of Bradford relatives this week.

J. B. Oviatt and N. C. Gallup of Norwich were interested at endants at the institute.

Miss Fannie Beverage left for her home in Jefferson county Thursday to spend the holidays.

Marshall Shook is home from Glen Charles and will remain until after the holidays.

Miss Verna Hafner returned from Clarion last week to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Ida Eilingsfeld departs this evening for Baltimore for a three weeks' visit with relatives.

Miss Lois Young arrived home from school, at Albany, and will remain until after the holidays.

Chas. Lunberg and C. A. Alexis of Mt. Jewett were guests at the Chautauqua House Tuesday.

Dr. F. C. Pierce arrived home last Saturday from a two weeks' visit to Buffalo and Rochester.

C. L. Holmes of Hammondsport, N. Y., was the guest of his brother, F. L. Holmes last week.

Mrs. Boakland arrived from Sweden yesterday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Burg Chadwick.

J. Lester Ward of Port Allegany has secured a position as extra clerk in the commissioners' office.

Dr. Thomas L. Kane of Kane and Elisha K. Kane of Kushequa attended the Farmers' Institute Tuesday.

Miss Agnes Scanlon of Corry was in town Monday. She is spending the holidays with her parents at Colegrove.

James Randall, George Richards, J. M. Robinson and W. R. Handyside of Hazelhurst were in town Tuesday.

Horace Redfield came home from Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., Tuesday evening to pass the holidays in town.

Leon A. Larabee and his stenographer, Miss Kate McCormick, of Coudersport were guests at the Central last Friday.

A. P. Brewer of Norwich was a most agreeable caller at this office Wednesday and spent a pleasant half hour chatting over old times.

Frank J. Baumer, the superintendent of Elisha K. Kane's farm at Kushequa, was an interested spectator at the farmers' convention Monday night.

C. A. Anderson, the thorough business man of Colegrove, was a most agreeable caller at this office Thursday. His smiling face is always welcome at the MINER office.

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Arthur Smith of Port Allegany arrived in town Monday and has been busily engaged in deciphering physician's perscriptions at the store of Messrs. A. B. Armstrong & Co., ever since.

A. N. Trosen, division superintendent of the Wrought Iron Range Co., St. Louis Mo., was a most agreeable caller at this office Tuesday. The advertisement and testimonials of the company will be found in another column.

'Squire H. K. Ford of Gardeau was a pleasant caller at this office Monday. Mr. Ford is one of the firm of Ford Bros. who are erecting a large saw mill near Mt. Jewett. They will be in full operation early next spring.

John Dodds Flagg, M. D., and wife of Buffalo, Edward B. Walker and William H. Walker of New York and Alanson B. Walker of the University of Rochester are spending the holidays under the parental roof at the M. E. parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Latham and children returned Monday night from a visit to Bradford. Tuesday, Mr. Latham called and left on our desk a copy of the directory of Warren and surrounding towns which he has just finished. It is very complete and highly appreciated.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says, "My child it worth millions to me, yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Lemmler has the best Robes and Blankets. Let him show them and quote you prices.

The finest of room moulding 50 varities to select from. Call on L. Koenig Water street.

Branch Store,

At the Bridge.

H. Warshafsky

of East Smethport has open'd a store in the Stickles' building, and offers goods at very low prices.

A Good Stock

Of canned goods, fresh groceries, crackers and everything that you need in that line, I am here to sell goods and I mean to do it at prices that will make the public buy

H. WARSHAFSKY,
Smethport, Pa.
Cor. Mechanic and Mill Sts.

Home Comfort Ranges—

KERSEY P. O. Nov. 11, 1897.

We purchased one of the HOME COMFORT RANGES five years ago and are pleased to say it gives entire satisfaction; it is a good baker and does the work with one-half the fuel as with ordinary stoves. We can recommend them to all wishing a first-class stove.

JOHN KAMMER AND WIFE.

RIDGWAY, PA., Nov. 17, 1897.

We have been using the HOME COMFORT RANGE in our house for five years and must say they are the best range we ever used; they are perfect bakers and cookers and for heating cannot be excelled.

JOHN BRUNCOKE AND WIFE.

RIDGWAY, PA., Nov. 19, 1897.

The range purchased from the WROUGHT IRON RANGE CO.'S wagon five years ago is every bit as good as represented by the salesman, and we take great pleasure in recommending them to the public as being a splendid range for both winter and summer.

JOHN FUHRER AND WIFE.

ST. MARYS, PA., Nov. 19, 1897.

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, purchased a HOME COMFORT RANGE from the wagon five years ago, and take pleasure in recommending it to the public as being a perfect baker and cooker in every way; the reservoir and cooking utensils are worth a great deal more than any we have ever seen; also will state that the range is in as good a condition as the day we had it put in our house. We would not have it taken out for the price we paid if we could not get another just like it.

GEORGE HASSELMAN,
MRS. GEORGE HASSELMAN,
MISS SABINA HASSELMAN.

WROUGHT IRON RANGE CO.,
St. Louis, Mo.

WARDVILLE, PA., Nov. 19, '97.

We purchased one of your ranges five years ago and are pleased to say it gives entire satisfaction. It is a perfect baker and cooker and cannot be excelled for heating in winter.

MR. AND MRS. C. K. GORE.

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I have recently placed in my store a new fountain and am now prepared to serve my customers with the delicious drinks named above. Give me a call.

Toilet Soaps,
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Perfumes,
PUFF BOXES,
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COMBS & BRUSHES.

All kinds of teas for stomach and Bowels.

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TOOTH,
BATH AND
NAIL BRUSHES.

Pocket Books and a Fine Line of Rubber Goods.

Tobacco.
Cigars,
Pipes and
all kinds of
Smokers Supplies.

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MEDICINES.
OUR LINE
IS COMPLETE.

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Cures For
Coughs,
Corns,
Bunions, etc.

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Disenfectants, Antiseptics, Germacides, etc. Flavoring Extracts of all kinds, Condition Powders, Heave Cures, Hoof Ointment, Liniment, Crutches, Trusses, ect.

In fact anything to be found in a first class drug store.

Anything you want that I have not got in stock I will get for you on short notice.

PALACE PHARMACY,

Dr. Burg Chadwick, Prop.,
Main Street, Smethport, Pa.

CLOAKS CLOAKS CLOAKS

PLUSH CAPES! PLUSH CAPES!

JACKETS! JACKETS! JACKETS!

We have a few sizes left in these garments, and on account of the backward winter and we do not want to carry over a singe garment we are going to cut the prices about in halves and sell them all before the season is too far advanced. Original prices on all tags.

$ 5.00 Garments for $ 3.50
7.00 " " 4.50
8.75 " " 5.75
9.00 " " 6.00
10.00 " " 6.75
11.50 " " 8.00
13.00 " " 9.00

Some desirable garments as low as $1.50 and $2.00, selling price has been twice as much a race chance to buy your wife or daughter a winter garment at half its value.

J. COLEGROVE.
Smethport, Pa.

CLOTH CAPES! CLOTH CAPES!

"CHRISTMAS IS COMING."

For years I have had the most practical assorment of

HOLIDAY GOODS

in town. This season is no exception to the rule. All you have to do is to come to my store and look through the different departments. Everything useful in the way of Christmas gifts

FOR OLD and YOUNG.

Fine lines of 5, 10 and 25 cent goods.

Beautiful Silk Umbrellas
with Silver trimmed handles for men and women.

Fine Linen Handkerchiefs
and pretty Laces with which to trim them.

Leather Hand Bags
at prices lower than ever.

Books, Booklets and Christmas Cards.

Indian, Chinese and Japanese Baskets,

And hundreds of other articles too numerous to mention. All bought for cash as usual, and sold for prices that will please you.

D. C. YOUNG,

Dec. 14, 1897. **Smethport, Pa**

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The boat I made with my own hands.

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When we were children, you and I!

Have you forgotten, little wife,
The dawning of that other life,
The change—now by— the whole world wore
When life's love's perfect blossom bore.

The dreams we had, the songs we made,
[illegible] and the woven shade,
[illegible] of many a sad goodby,
When we were parted, you and I?

Ah, me! Your loving heart, I know,
[illegible] still the long ago,
[illegible] the light of childhood's days
[illegible] shines through all your winning ways.

God grant we ne'er forget our youth,
Its innocence and faith and truth;
The smiles, the tears and hopes gone by,
When we were children, you and I.
—Frederick E. Weatherly in Cassell's Magazine.

A BORDER HEROINE.

BY CHARLES B. LEWIS.

We of Custer's command were swinging around to reopen the overland trail, every station of which in western Kansas had been captured by the Indians. We had gone into camp one night after a continuous ride of nearly 100 miles, and everybody but the sentinels was fast asleep, when there came riding in from the northwest a girl, 18 years old, named Mary Thompson. She was riding a pony without saddle or bridle, and she was hatless and without shoes. Most of the men had been aroused, and were anxious to hear her story before she reached the general's tent. Her report was terse and to the point. Ten miles to the northwest was a party of pioneers—6 wagons, 30 men and 40 women and children. The camp had been attacked by Indians an hour before, and the girl had mounted her pony, dashed through the lines and galloped in search of aid. She had been followed for the first three or four miles by mounted Indians, but had distanced them.

Custer interrogated her concerning the situation of the camp and the strength of the Indians, and, believing the pioneers could hold their own through the night, the men were ordered back to their blankets. It was about an hour before daylight when we moved, the girl riding at the head of the column with the general and two or three scouts, and we were within half a mile of the camp when the darkness faded away and gave us a view of the situation. Then it was a swift dash at the hostiles, a sharp fight for ten minutes, and we had sent the band scurrying away.

In and about the wagons lay six dead and four wounded men—ten dead or wounded women and children. Every horse and mule was disabled, and had we waited a quarter of an hour longer the Indians would have "rushed" and carried the camp and wiped out every soul. At midnight they had cut off two of the outer wagons for a moment and made captive a boy 10 years old—Mary Thompson's own brother. Her father and mother were among the dead, her brother carried away by the warriors as they fled before us. The soldiers and pioneers crowded about the girl and gave her words of sympathy, and for a few minutes she hid away in one of the wagons to be alone with her grief. When she reappeared, her tears had vanished, and she announced her resolution to make an effort to recover her captive brother. General Custer advised and argued with her, but she refused to go back to a point of safety with the surviving pioneers. She did not ask to go with the command, but intended to depend upon herself alone. I think she would have been forced to go away with the pioneers had she remained with us a few minutes longer. While the people were making ready for a start the rank and file learned of her determination. We outfitted her pony, handed her over a winchester rifle and a revolver and plenty of ammunition, supplied her with food for several days, and nothing was lacking when she rode out of camp in the direction the Indians had taken.

Knowing that her brother Jimmie would be sent to some village among the hills to be held captive, she gave all her attention to dodging war parties and hunting out villages. On the old maps of Kansas there used to be a creek called Thompson creek, and it was named after the girl. One morning after a night spent in riding over the plains she entered a grove of willows and cottonwoods on a little island in the middle of the stream to lie up for the day.

About 10 o'clock in the forenoon an Indian band numbering about 20 old men, women and children came along and made their camp on the east bank of the stream and within pistol shot of the hiding girl. Among the boys she saw her brother for the first time. He had been clothed in Indian dress, but she identified him at once. He was among the score of lads sent across to the grove to cut lodge poles and firewood, and the girl planned a feat which the most daring scout would have hesitated to attempt. It was to carry the boy off in the face of the village, and it was not her fault that she made a failure of it. He was one of the first to reach the island, and she rode boldly out of shelter and called him by name and moved toward him. He was so surprised at sight of her that he ran away. She overtook him and seized and tried to lift him on to the saddle, but he broke away from her and the Indians sounded the alarm. As many as a score of old men and boys mounted ponies and attempted to capture Miss Thompson, but after wounding two and being chased for five miles she made her escape. She did not go far, however. Having located the village in which the boy was held, she determined to hang about until her mission was accomplished.

The mound known as Thompson's Butte was also named after Mary Thompson. Her stock of ammunition had been reduced to nine cartridges when she met a scouting party of cavalry and was supplied with 100 rounds and as much provisions as she would take. She had then been dogging the Indians for over two months and had donned male attire as the handiest to get about in. There were Indians on the trail of the scouting party, and an hour after Mary had gone her way she found 12 mounted warriors in sight behind her. This was at 10 o'clock in the morning and on the open plains. She headed for the Smoky hills to the west, and for the first hour permitted the Indians to gain on her. When they had come within half a mile, she set the pace to hold them there, and made one of the greatest rides recorded under like circumstances. Her horse was in prime condition, and the ponies were also at their best. The Indians knew whom they were after and determined to capture her alive and unhurt.

The race and pursuit lasted for 60 miles, every rod of which was covered at a gallop. The girl was riding straight into the enemy's country, and at sundown she determined to go no farther. As she reached the creek flowing around the east base of "Thompson's fort," which is a hill standing by itself, she flung herself off her horse and took a long drink and then led the animal to the crest of the hill. Fortunately for her there was a sink or basin at the top, with many loose rocks lying about, and in a short time she had done all that a soldier could have accomplished under the circumstances. As the Indians came up they spread out to encircle the hill. They had run their victim to earth and were in no hurry to face her rifle.

From dusk to dawn the heroine was not disturbed, and she afterward related that she slept fairly well. She had a [illegible] canteen full of water, plenty [illegible] and ammunition and was [illegible] direction.

When morning came, the Indians demanded her surrender, giving her much praise and promising to escort her to one of their villages unhurt. This they would likely have done, but she did not propose to become a captive while able to give a shot from rifle or revolver. Two hours were consumed by the Indians in trying to negotiate a surrender, and then, finding the girl inflexible, they made their first attack. At a given signal the 12, who were under the command of a subchief named Little Horse, rushed for the crest of the hill. They gained it, but after a fight of two minutes were driven off with the loss of two warriors killed and one wounded. This last was the chief himself. He was shot through the cheek and had the tip of his tongue carried away, and so badly did this interfere with his speech that two years later he drowned himself in despair. So well was the girl intrenched on the crest of the hill that it was deemed unwise to attack her again, and the band sat down to starve her out. For three nights and two days she held the fort, wounding two other Indians and escaping all their bullets, and then the Indians withdrew and left her, and she went her way in peace.

As I saw Mary Thompson when she first set out on her dangerous mission so did I see her when it had been concluded. From May until November she scouted the plains and dodged among the hills alone, her life and liberty in peril almost every hour in the 24. The village in which her brother was held captive moved many times, but she always located it anew and watched for her opportunity. It came one night with the setting in of winter. There was a blizzard raging when she entered the village, crept from lodge to lodge and finally found her brother asleep between two boys. She woke him up and got him out of the lodge without disturbing the others, and once they had mounted her horse they set off in the direction of a supply camp 60 miles distant. So severe was the storm, however, that after riding ten miles the pair made camp in a ravine until the worst was over. It was 30 hours before the storm ceased, and the Indians soon started out and picked up the trail almost as soon as the pair had taken camp. The snow lay two feet deep on the level, and with the horse carrying double the race would soon have been run. Camped in a similar ravine, ten miles to the west, were three companies of the Seventh cavalry, and we had just broken camp and got into the saddle when Mary Thompson, with her brother on the saddle behind her, came riding down upon us, with the yelling Indians only half a mile away.

Then followed what the eastern philanthropists have been pleased to term "a cold blooded slaughter of unarmed Indians." There were 22 in the band. All were armed, but they came over the ridge and down among us before they knew of our presence. Only three lived to get back to the village.

CUSTOMS OF CHRISTMAS.

Giftmaking One of the Most Gracious Features of the Season.

"Giftmaking is one of the most gracious features of Christmas, and one that I pray may survive all other outgrown customs," writes Florence Hull Winterburn in The Woman's Home Companion. "When love and sympathy are close counselors, there is little fear that we shall make the mistake of leaving out of our little one's stocking the particular thing he has set his heart upon getting. And if his choice is beyond us to gratify, let us come as near to it as we can, and not convert this season into a sort of convenience for ourselves, thrusting upon his reluctant acceptance such prosaic articles as shoes, hats and other essentials of the toilet. Far prettier is the German custom of bestowing gaudy trifles that have no use in themselves, but are part of the glitter and fashion of the holiday. When it is possible, nothing is so good to have as the traditional Christmas tree. In after years memory hangs about it fondly, and we bless in our hearts the kind hands that took so much trouble to give us pleasure.

"Then the stocking hung up on Christmas eve has a romance all its own. The breakfast table dressed with holly berries and gifts piled under snowy napkins is a graceful custom and is far nicer than the blunt handing out of our gifts. Some trouble should be taken to create the welcome element of surprise. We all like it, but it is one of the greatest delights in a child's experience. He finds out before we would choose to have him that what is looked forward to most eagerly seldom turns out well. It is sad philosophy, yet true, that it is dangerous to set one's heart on anything in this world. But the love that hides its intention until the hour of fulfillment and then lets out its secret in an outburst of generosity is the best substitute that is ever offered for the special Providence—Santa Claus and all other gracious myths.

"An example of generosity is seldom lost upon children if it is true, not artificial. They are very willing to live up to their little knowledge, if we allow them the chance, and part of our duty to the day is to encourage in our young people the same kindliness we cultivate in ourselves. It is so much easier to learn in youth to be genial, sympathetic and generous than it is after embittering experiences have hardened our hearts."

Librarian Keen.

Speaking of Gregory B. Keen, who has just been elected librarian of the Historical society of Pennsylvania to succeed the late Frederick D. Stone, the Philadelphia Inquirer says: "In pure library work Mr. Keen has had good experience as the librarian of the library of the University of Pennsylvania. For many years he has been the corresponding secretary of the society. His papers on the Swedish influence in Pennsylvania are marked by the society's careful methods of investigation, and both by tastes and training Mr. Keen is fitted to prove a most worthy successor to Dr. Stone."

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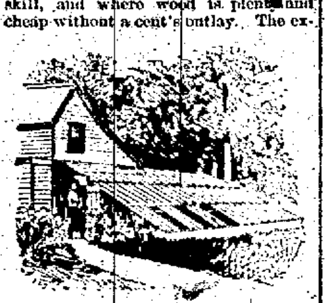
There is considerable demand for cheap forcing houses suitable for growing such vegetables as lettuce, spinach and radishes during the fore part of winter and vegetable plants from the latter part of February on until spring.

With a view to assisting readers who do not wish to invest the money needed for a more elaborate house or one detached from a building is here reproduced an illustration from Farm and Fireside of a forcing house built in Maryland. It is described as a lean to and is (at least partially) built against the south side of the dwelling house, and in such a way that the whole structure can be taken down in spring and sash and sides safely packed away until the approach of cold weather in the fall.

It will be seen that almost the only expense of the structure is in the sashes, and as the wooden portions of the sashes are homemade the outlay is in reality only in the glass. The little frame which supports the roof is easily put up by any one with ordinary mechanical skill, and where wood is plenty and cheap without a cent's outlay. The expense for the few boards that are needed is hardly worth mentioning either. In regard to heating this house the authority quoted says:



A "LEAN" TO THE FORCING HOUSE.

"I do not know how this greenhouse is heated or whether it is heated at all. I suppose a flue could easily be laid through the center of the house, ending in a chimney at the higher side, and having a furnace for wood or coal (whatever may be cheapest or most accessible) at the other. For spinach forcing in Maryland, and even as far north as central New Jersey, artificial heat may be dispensed with, but it will be found safe and more convenient to have it."

In this house a number of crops are grown in succession every winter, such as radishes, lettuce, strawberries, etc., and then are grown a good lot of vegetable plants, after which the house is taken down and the ground cropped with closely planted vegetables. The airing and tillage which the land thus receives seem to keep it free from aphis and plant diseases, so that the winter crops, although grown right along on the same soil, do not suffer from these enemies.

Making an Asparagus Bed.

Asparagus roots may be planted in spring or fall, provided the ground is moderately dry; otherwise it is better to plant in the spring. The land must be well prepared and can hardly be too rich. Good strong 1-year-old plants are by many preferred to older ones. For garden culture the rows should be not less than three feet apart and the roots planted two feet apart in the rows. In field culture, where horse cultivation is practiced, three to four feet of space is given each way.

The easiest way of planting is to make furrows with the plow 10 or 12 inches deep. [illegible] the bottom of these, and if the ground is not already very rich spade in some decomposed manure, filling up the trench [illegible] that the bed [illegible] about [illegible] below the surface [illegible] the roots in these, covering them with [illegible] inches of soil, and as the shoots [illegible] fill in the trench gradually until it is level. The ground is to be kept mellow and clear of weeds [illegible] season. After two years a few stalks may be cut off each year, but a full crop should not be cut before the third year.—American Agriculturist.

The Texas Fever Infection.

It is now generally believed that the Texas fever is spread by the tick, and consequently the cure is to prevent the ticks. Many experiments for ridding cattle of this pest have been made, which at last are claimed to have been crowned with success at the Fort Worth stockyards, under the direction of Dr. Victor A. Norgaard, chief of the division of pathology of the bureau of animal industry. A vat was filled with a solution, through which 27 ticky cattle swam, killing the ticks without injuring the eyes or skin of the cattle, and 17 hours afterward not a live tick could be found on any of them.

Wintering Bees.

R. F. Holtermann, Ontario experiment farm, describes a number of experiments relating to wintering, feeding, comb foundation and five kinds of Italian bees. Relative to wintering it is said it has been his custom to winter in a cellar, and that the loss sustained from this mode of wintering has averaged between 3 and 4 per cent. From his experiments he concludes that it will not pay to extract honey from hives with a view to making a profit and then supply the bees with sirup for wintering.

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In 1874 she married Hon. Joseph Constable-Maxwell, third son of Lord Herries, who, as a matter of course, adopted the name Scott. They have had six children, the eldest of whom, Walter Joseph Maxwell-Scott, born in 1875, is in the army. He has two brothers and two sisters living. Mary Josephine, who is married, was born in 1876. Thus it will be seen that the present generation of Scotts have been in turn Lockharts, Hopes and Maxwells. These are all excellent names, with honorable histories behind them, and yet, in strict genealogical sequence, the present generation is very far removed from the author of "Waverley."—London Sketch.

Why Birds' Eggs Are Colored.

The why and wherefore of the colors of birds' eggs have been a favorite theme for speculation, from the quaint surmises of Sir Thomas Browne to the [illegible] guesswork of Seebohm, in his [illegible] "biological laws explanatory of the variation in color of the shells of the eggs in class aves." Hewitson piously concludes that the beauty of these elegant and often exquisitely attractive objects is intended for the delight of human eyes; hence, as he says, eggs simply white are put out of sight in holes. He also sees in the larger number of eggs laid by game birds a provision by a benevolent providence for the joy of the sportsman and the delectation of the epicure. Next comes a man who assures us that the colors of eggs are due to the influence of their respective surroundings on the imagination of the hen birds—the old story of Jacob's little trick on Laban in the matter of young cattle. This school instances as an example the red blotches prevalent on the eggs of falcons, regarded by it as a record of the bloody experiences of the parents, but it does not explain why the equally rapacious owls produce pure white eggs or the bloodthirsty skuas and shrikes lay greenish ones.—Ernest Ingersoll in Harper's Magazine.

The Retort.

Here is a retort which a "dull student" once made: Professor—You seem to be very dull. When Alexander the Great was your age, he had already conquered the world. Student—Well, you see, he had Aristotle for a teacher.—Chambers' Journal.

When a woman gets sickly, nervous, fretful and despondent the average husband doesn't have the faintest conception of what is the matter. When she gets worse, and he finally realizes that ill-health of some description has something to do with it, he calls in some obscure neighborhood doctor. The chances are that the doctor says it's stomach, or liver, or heart trouble. Nine times in ten he isn't within a mile of right. He treats for these troubles and charges big bills until the husband gets disgusted and throws him out. The trouble is usually weakness or disease of the distinctly feminine organism.

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To Hiram W. Burlingame, libellant, and Martha J. Burlingame, respondent, in the above case:

You are hereby notified that I, Sheridan Gorton, having been duly appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, as commissioner to take testimony in the above action of divorce pending in said court, wherein Hiram W. Burlingame is libellant and Martha J. Burlingame is respondent, will attend to the duties of my said appointment, at my office in the court house, in Smethport borough, McKean county, Pa., on Monday, the 3rd day of Jan'y A. D. 1898, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 6 o'clock p. m. of the said day, when and where you will be present if you deem proper.

SHERIDAN GORTON,
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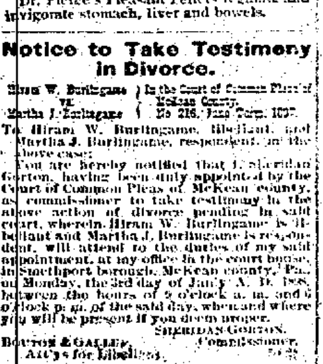

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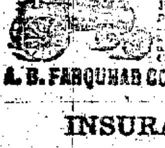

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TRAVELER'S GUIDE.

TIME TABLE
WESTERN NEW YORK [illegible] PENNSYLVANIA
In effect April 18, 1897.

Trains leave Smethport for Larrabee, Eldred, Olean, Bradford, Emporium and Buffalo as follows:

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday, 9:20 a. m.
*Buffalo Mail, daily except Sunday, 1:20 p. m.
Local for Olean, daily except Sunday, 12:17 p. m.
*Train leaving Smethport 1:20 p. m. connects at Olean with Erie, [illegible] for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont, and points south.
*Clermont Local, daily ex Sunday 8:50 a. m.
Clermont Acc'tion daily ex Sunday 12:17 p. m.
Clermont Acc'tion daily ex Sunday 7:15 p. m.
*Clermont Local connects through to Johnsonburg.

For Larrabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points south:
Mail, daily ex Sunday 11:20 a. m.
Mail, daily ex Sunday connects at Emporium for Philadelphia 6:40 p. m.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. 28, 1897.
TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

8:25 a. m.—Train 8, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York 9:30 p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington, 7:15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3:35 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:30 a. m., New York 7:33 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9:30 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., week days (10:38 a. m. Sundays.) Baltimore 6:20 a. m., Washington 7:40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD.

5:10 a. m.—Train 3, weekdays, for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations.
10:[illegible] a. m.—Train 9, daily for Erie and [illegible] days for DuBois and intermediate stations.
6:21 p. m.—Train 15, weekdays, for [illegible] intermediate stations.

[illegible] TRAINS for EMPORIUM [illegible] FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train [illegible] leaves New York 5:20 p. m., [illegible] 8:50 p. m., Washington 7:20 p. m., [illegible] arriving at Emporium Junction [illegible], with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train [illegible] leaves New York 7:40 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington 10:40 p. m., Baltimore [illegible] daily, arriving at Emporium [illegible] with Pullman Palace [illegible] Philadelphia to Williamsport [illegible] Baltimore to Williamsport, [illegible] only, Pullman sleeper [illegible]

[illegible] Philadelphia 8:30 a. m., [illegible] Baltimore [illegible] weekdays, arriving [illegible] with Pullman [illegible] Williamsport [illegible] from [illegible] Run.

[illegible] RAILROAD.

Weekdays		SOUTH
A. M.		Ar. A. M.
[illegible]	Ridgway	11 30
[illegible]	Johnsonburg	11 30
[illegible]	Bendigo	11 20
[illegible]	Glen Hazel	11 16
[illegible]	Straight	11 14
[illegible]	Instanter	11 09
[illegible]	Smith's Run	10 58
[illegible]	Woodvale	10 48
[illegible]	Clermont	10 40
A. M.		A. M.

Connections are made with train 3, leaving Johnsonburg at [illegible] a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 3:15 p. m. and at Ridgway with train 4, leaving Ridgway at 4:10 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

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8:50 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

12:30 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, [illegible] ville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

3:45 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily. For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH-BOUND.

7:46 a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

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TIME TABLE.
Took effect Monday, June 13th, 1896.

1	3	5	STATIONS.	2	4	6
a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Ar. Dp.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
8:55	2:20	7:33	Keating	9:10	2:35	7:30
8:35	2:02	7:19	Cowley Junc.	9:25	2:52	8:05
8:25	1:30	7:09	Austin	9:40	3:05	[illegible]
......	1:57	6:59	Costello	9:48	3:13	......
......	1:30	6:48	Wharton	10:00	3:25	......
......	1:17	6:39	Logue	10:20	3:34	......
......	[illegible]	6:27	Hull	10:22	3:42	......
......	12:45	6:08	Cross Fork Jc	10:35	4:10	......
......	12:07	5:31	Germania	11:23	4:43	......
......	11:50	[illegible]	Galeton	11:30	4:55	......
......	10:45	4:23	Gaines	2:25	6:40	......
......	10:10	3:30	Ansonia	5:15	7:30	......
	a.m.	p.m.	Dp. Ar.	p.m.	p.m.	

a m	a.m.	p.m.	Cross Fork Br.	a m	p m	p m
7:00	12:45	4:50	ar Cr F'k Jc dp	10:25	1:00	6:10
8:05	11:35	3:00	dp Cross F'k ar	11:00	2:00	7:10

H. Hutchinson, Train Master.
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COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, takes effect Monday Nov. 4, 1895.

Ar. EASTW'D.			STATIONS.	Lv WESTW'D		
A.M.	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.
8.50	7.30	2.10	Ulysses	7.42	[illegible]	10.05
8.35	7.21	2.00	Crowell's	7.51	[illegible]	10.17
8.30		1.56	Carpenter's		[illegible]	10.20
8.25	7.10	1.53	Perkins	7.51	2.45	10.25
8.20	7.12	1.50	B. & S. Jnc'tn	7.57	2.50	10.30
	7.00	1.45	Newfield	8.00	2	10.35
8.04	7.06	1.42	Gold	8.04	2	
7.35	7.01	1.36	Raymond's	8.07	2	
7.15	6.50	1.21	Seven Bridg's	8.19	3	
7.10	6.46	1.20	Colesburg	8.21	3	
7.00	6.40	1.14	Frink's	8.25	3	
	6.30	1.00		8.43	3	
[illegible]	7.37	12.51	Coudersport	8.45		
3.40		12.51	Hammond			
3.30	7.52	12.46	Olmsted	8.51	6	
3.34	7.48	12.41	Mina	8.55		1.45
3.25		12.31	Knowlton		6	
3.21	7.28	12.29	Roulette	9.05		
3.12	7.21	12.22	Burtville	9.13	6	
3.05		12.17	Coleman		6	
3.15	7.20	12.12	Port Allegany	[illegible]	6	[illegible]
P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	Dep't. Arrive	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.

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Time Table taking Effect Nov. 28th, 1897.
LEAVE SMETHPORT.

8:20 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with P. & W. Ry. for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

[illegible] A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

[illegible] P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and Bradford with Erie R. R. train No. for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport, daily except Sunday, at 9:25 a. m., 4:20 p. m. and 8:00 p. m.

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ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.
To take effect at 7 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 17, 1896.

South		Stations		North
[illegible]		Clermont		12:30
[illegible]		Clermont Tank		[illegible]
[illegible]		Wildwood		[illegible]
[illegible]		North Fork		[illegible]
[illegible]		Kay Fork		11:33
[illegible]		Gray Gables		11:30
[illegible]	Ar	St. Marys	Lv	11:14
7:40	Lv		Ar	6:15
7:48		Kaul		6:13
[illegible]		Delsch		[illegible]
[illegible]		Groff		[illegible]
[illegible]		Gillen		[illegible]
[illegible]		Paine		[illegible]
[illegible]		Centreville		[illegible]
[illegible]		Dagus Crossing		[illegible]
[illegible]		Shelvey Summit		[illegible]
[illegible]		Cuneo		[illegible]
[illegible]		Thompson		[illegible]
[illegible]		Curry		[illegible]
[illegible]		Brandy Camp		[illegible]
[illegible]		Ellion		[illegible]
[illegible]		Hyde		[illegible]
[illegible]		Shawmut		[illegible]

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